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Wildlife Trust launches fund to meet £2,000 a day costs

SOMERSET Wildlife Trust are appealing for the public's support to raise funds, as the organisation revealed that it costs around £2,000 a day to maintain the county's reserves.

The wildlife trust has relaunched the Somerset Nature Reserves Fund, which was established last year to raise money to safeguard the county's landscapes and wildlife. Last year the fund was able to record enormous gains for wildlife across the county.

The trust says it hopes that this year it will be able to do the same with the help and support of the wildlife lovers across South Somerset, who will donate this year.

Tim Youngs, director of land management, said: "In Somerset we are incredibly lucky to have some amazing habitats from internationally renowned wetlands, ancient woodland, species-rich grassland, and magnificent meadows, each requiring specific conservation programmes in order for the unique biodiversity to not only survive, but thrive.

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"Our nature reserves within these special places are the bedrock upon which we are able to deliver critical conservation work and, to ensure these special places are kept healthy, an incredible amount of planning and resource is involved - our reserves cost nearly £2,000 a day to maintain, which is a significant outlay.

"And, as the seasons and weather change we have to continually adjust and fine-tune our work and habitat programmes, such as grazing management - with the failure to provide the necessary feeding and breeding grounds at certain times potentially having detrimental consequences for species the following year.

"Having extra funds not only means that we can continue with our practical conservation work on our reserves, but helps us to be prepared for what the future may hold. We will be able to respond faster and provide on the ground solutions when we are faced with unforeseen challenges - such as Ash dieback."

South Somerset nature reserves that would

benefit from extra help include Bickham Wood, Bishops Wood Meadows, Jan Hobbs Nature Reserve and Dommet Wood which surround Chard and Ilminster and West Coker Fen Nature Reserve between Crewkerne and Yeovil.

The fund last year supported some amazing results for wildlife and was critical in conserving habitats for populations of some of Somerset's most charismatic wildlife, from Otters to Dormice.

Katie Arber, Somerset Wildlife Trust's director of fundraising and marketing, added: "It is very clear from the response we received last year that Somerset Wildlife Trust's nature reserves are held dear by many people. Somerset's wildlife is part of what makes living, working and visiting the county so special.

"Our members and supporters have always been generous and we hope that they will give what they can again for what is a very important fundraising initiative for the trust.

"We also hope the wider public and local businesses who value their green spaces, and understand and appreciate their value in their lives, will support the fund and help us ensure Somerset remains a wildlife rich county."

To donate to the cause visit <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/4645#/DonationDetails>

YEovil NEWS THIS WEEK

YEovil College came back with a trio of trophies from The Grow Somerset Talent Award, held in Taunton on Friday, March 10th.

A total of nine Yeovil College partner businesses and employers were finalists in the awards with winners including student Stacey Helyar and businesses Jones Building Group and Yarlinton Housing Group.

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CHARD NEWS THIS WEEK

SERVING Royal Navy personnel met up with veterans and associate members of the Chard branch of the Royal Naval Association at an affiliation dinner held at the Lordleaze Hotel.

The Chard branch joined in an affiliation with the appropriately named Royal Naval vessel HMS Somerset, starting a friendship to bridge the gap of old and new.

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ILMINSTER NEWS THIS WEEK

GIRL power reigns supreme in Ilminster as the town celebrated the positive contributions women make to their families and the community they live in.

A competition to find inspirational women was organised by Ilminster's Tesco store to coincide with International Women's Day and Mother's Day, with Cindy Rutter taking first prize.

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CREWKERNE NEWS THIS WEEK

SOUTH Somerset District Council and A Better Crewkerne & District (ABCD) will ask businesses what can be done to benefit the town's economy.

ABCD will use the data collected to apply for grants to fund the work identified from the consultation.

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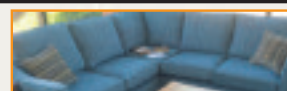
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NEWS FROM AROUND PULMAN'S COUNTRY...

East Devon & South Somerset

Local police forces react to London terrorist attack

POLICE forces across Devon and Somerset have urged residents to remain alert and vigilant following the terrorist attack in Westminster last week.

Both Devon and Cornwall and Avon and Somerset forces released statements reminding members of the public how to report seeing suspicious behaviour, but also praising and passing on their condolences to the emergency services in London.

Devon and Cornwall Assistant Chief Constable Russ Middleton said: "The events in London are a timely reminder of the need to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity you may see.

"Although we have no information to suggest any specific risk to Devon, Cornwall or the Isles of Scilly, I would ask the public to keep alert and not alarmed, and to support us in keeping our region safe.

"If anyone sees anything suspicious relating to terrorism, they can report this to the Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789321."

ACC Middleton added: "The impact of yesterday's (March 22nd) events will be felt for some time and our condolences go to the families of the police officer and members of the public who have died and been seriously injured as a result of the attack.

"Local people may see some increased patrols locally and might also see a more overt armed presence from officers.

"I'd ask the public not to be fearful of this, but to feel more secure that steps are being taken to ensure their safety.

"Devon and Cornwall Police stand with the Metropolitan Police and other forces in not letting attacks like this stop people going about their daily business.

Avon & Somerset Chief Constable Andy Marsh and Police & Crime Commissioner Sue Mountstevens wrote an open letter to the public, in which they pleaded with the public to remain united.

The letter read: "In the wake of the tragic events in London, we want to take the unusual step of writing an open letter to reassure you that we will do everything we can to keep people safe.

"We have all been shocked by the events that have taken place and are immensely proud of the bravery shown by PC Keith Palmer and his colleagues.

"Our thoughts are with Keith and his family together with all those affected by this tragic event."

"We have been deeply heartened and are very grateful to everyone who has visited our stations or sent in messages of support recently.

"Thank you, I know every member of the police family feels the warmth of this support as we grieve together.

"In Avon and Somerset we stand shoulder to shoulder with colleagues in the Metropolitan Police Service and the communities we serve.

"All forces have long established and well-rehearsed plans in place to deal with attacks of this nature as illustrated by colleagues in the Metropolitan Police Service.

"We must remain united in our communities, stand together and not allow terrorism or hatred to prevail.

"We are aware that following incidents such as this, there can be an increase in hate crimes within our communities. Over the coming days and weeks we will be reaching out to reassure and strengthen bonds with the communities we serve.

"Let us be clear, there can never be any excuse for hate crime in any shape or form and this criminality will not be tolerated.

"More than ever in these uncertain times we want those who are victims of hate crime to feel confident that we'll take your reports seriously, protect you and make sure you get all the support you need."

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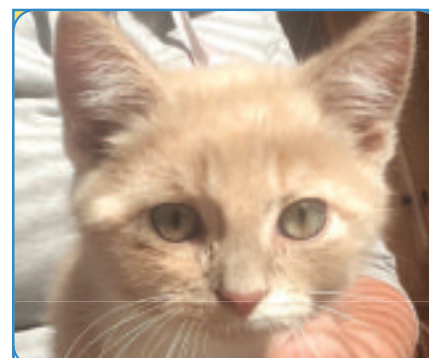
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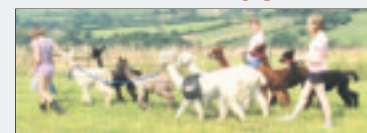
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Stagecoach-owned South West Trains loses their franchise after more than 20 years

SOUTH West Trains has lost its franchise on the South Western network, including the Exeter-London Waterloo line, after more than 20 years.

The Department for Transport announced yesterday (Monday) that Chinese metro operator MTR and FirstGroup will jointly take over the running of the South Western franchise from Stagecoach on August 20th this year.

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling said: "First MTR South Western Trains Limited will deliver the improvements that people tell us they want right across the South Western franchise area, from Bristol and Exeter, to Southampton, Weymouth, Portsmouth and London.

"We are delivering the biggest rail modernisation programme for over a century and this franchise will deliver real changes for passengers, who can look forward to modern trains, faster journeys and a more reliable service."

First MTR South Western Trains Limited will oversee a £1.2 billion investment and provide a

boost for the communities served.

The next franchise will include:

- Refurbished trains with charging sockets, new seat covers and refreshed toilets;
- Faster journeys across the network. Journeys to London will be eight minutes faster from Southampton, 14 minutes faster from Weymouth, 9 minutes faster from Bournemouth and 10 minutes faster from Exeter;
- More Sunday services across the network, with many routes having the equivalent of a Saturday service after 1pm.

Passengers are promised better information throughout their journey, on-board trains, on platforms and through a new mobile phone app, including live information on seating availability and crowding levels, so that passengers know the best place to stand to board the train.

The new contract will also see:

- New Delay Repay compensation, including for delays of 15 minutes or more, and with automatic claims for smart card season tickets and

advance purchased tickets bought in advance through their digital channels;

- Free Wi-Fi at all stations and on-board mainline trains.
- Investment in station improvements including refurbished waiting rooms, additional seating, improvements for step-free access, and 60 electric vehicle charging points.
- New smart card, automatically offering the cheapest walk-up single or day return fare;
- New Flexible Season Tickets, offering a discount for passengers travelling fewer than five days a week.

FirstGroup Chief Executive Tim O'Toole said: "We are delighted that our partnership with MTR has been selected by the DfT to run the South Western rail franchise, a key part of the country's railway network which millions of people rely on every day.

"Our successful bid will deliver the tangible improvements that customers and stakeholders have told us they want from this franchise."

Jeremy Long, CEO – European Business, MTR Corporation said: "MTR is known across the world for the excellent quality of its rail services, and we look forward to working with FirstGroup to provide a best-in-class travel experience for passengers in London and the South West.

"Together we will deliver a major programme of upgrades, including improvements to both rail services and customer experience, for passengers travelling across the South Western network." Stagecoach Group Chief Executive Martin Griffiths said: "We are proud to have operated the network under the South West Trains brand for more than 20 years and we are disappointed that we have been unsuccessful in our bid for the new franchise.

"Over the past two decades, we have delivered real improvements for our customers right across the network. "That success has been built on fantastic people, detailed

knowledge of the business and strong relationships with our stakeholders and railway partners. But we have never thought our job was finished.

"We believe we submitted a strong bid for the new South Western franchise.

"It offered a transformation in the travel experience for our customers, more investment to help the railway support the communities and economy of the South West, as well as a substantial and deliverable financial benefit to taxpayers to help fund better public services.

"We will be seeking detailed feedback from the DfT on the various elements of our bid.

"I would like to thank all of our employees and partners who have been involved in delivering our vision for the railway in the South West over the past two decades, as well as those who contributed to our strong bid for the new franchise.

"I know they share our disappointment

in the result. Nevertheless, we will continue to work hard on our part to deliver a professional service and meet our obligations in the final months of our current franchise."

Council plan to build new homes

BUILDING new homes in East Devon to increase the supply of properties in the district – and meet an ever-growing demand – is the main priority for setting up a housing company, says East Devon District Council's lead councillor for homes and communities, Jill Elson.

The council believes the company is a long-term sustainable solution to increase the supply of properties in the area – for sale or rent – and to meet the need for good quality homes.

The company, which would be wholly owned by the council, would be financed by the council and any profits would come back to East Devon District Council.

Cllr Elson said: "This is an innovative approach to a long term problem in our district.

"We recognise that we need to do something very different, if we are to ensure that our residents have the homes that they need and we, among many other councils across the country, believe that a local housing company is the right solution.

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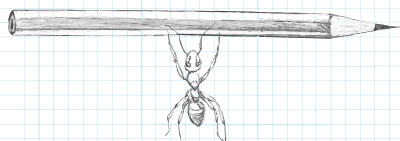
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MP clarifies why Amazon Prime charges were claimed on expenses

YEOVIL MP Marcus Fysh has moved to clarify why his Amazon Prime account appeared on his expenses.

Mr Fysh was caught up in controversy when he was named by national newspapers as one of nine MPs who had been found to have claimed for the popular service.

Mr Fysh said: "MPs' expenses which are granted by the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority for the running of offices and operations in two locations have been a hot topic in recent years. Mine have been correct and proper despite some trying to cast aspersions, and I try to operate efficiently.

"My office has been using Amazon and its Prime service with a government card to get fast and cheap delivery of various items for it. As a busy MP and father of two young children I certainly have no time for any TV streaming services that recently appear to have been bundled with the free delivery service.

"Amazon shouldn't have charged for the Prime delivery service that was used though, because I was part of the original beta trial for Prime back in around 2004 and have had it without paying ever since because getting delivery free forever under Prime was the deal with that. I have now got a refund directly onto the government card which they erroneously



charged.

"So the net result is that my office has had some numerous and bulky items delivered for free, without the taxpayer having to pay anything for Amazon Prime."

Survey reveals primary school children worry about appearance

SOMERSET Health and Wellbeing carried out a survey of primary school children, which revealed that almost a quarter of girls aged between eight and 11 admit they worry about their appearance and weight.

And by Year 6 - the final year before secondary school when pupils are aged 10 and 11 - a third of girls say they want to lose weight.

Some 14 per cent of boys aged between eight and 11 also worry about their appearance.

The survey was carried out by the Somerset Health and Wellbeing in Learning Programme.

Researchers said they found girls as young as six who talked of going on a diet and boys of seven and eight already wanting a six-pack.

The study of 57 schools also found an increasing use of social media and adult websites by primary pupils.

A third of Year 6 girls communicate with pals online, and 24 per cent of boys in the same year.

A third of girls surveyed said they had seen images or videos which had upset them, and 23 per cent admitted seeing online content which was 'for adults only'.

Among boys, the figure is higher with 29 per cent saying they had seen adult-only pictures or video.

It concluded that modern anxieties more commonly associated with teenagers are increasingly filtering down to younger children.

Many children believed their appearance af-

fected the way they were treated by peers, with 15 per cent saying they were bullied because of the way they looked, and 11 per cent because of their weight.

Education consultant Chris Calland said: "Sadly we are not at all surprised by the results of the survey. Children today live in an image-obsessed society and are surrounded by images of perfect looking people.

"Not only are they looking at photoshopped celebrities but also the filtered pictures of their friends through social media.

"Taking selfies, analysing their own image and constantly comparing themselves to others is taking its toll on our children and we are seeing this at a younger and younger age.

"We often work in schools where girls as young as six are worried about their appearance and talking about going on a diet.

"We also meet boys of seven and eight already wanting a six-pack.

"When children are anxious about how they look it can be damaging for their self esteem and long term this can be a contributing factor to depression and mental health concerns.

"We believe that we need to start early, building body confidence in primary schools so that children are more resilient to the pressures they are being exposed to at an early stage."

A spokesman for anti-bullying charity Kidscape said: "This survey shows us that younger and younger children are exposed to what we may have understood as teenage concerns such as anxiety over body image, bullying and access to adult content online.

"We need to equip our children from a young age to live safe and well, encouraging positive relationships, healthy habits and helping them make sense of what they see online."

Garage significantly damaged in Ashill fire

FIREFIGHTERS were called out on Sunday, March 26th following reports of a garage on fire near Ilminster.

The alarm was raised at just before 12.15pm to the incident at Wood Road in Ashill and one fire engine from Chard and two from Taunton were mobilised.

Upon arrival the firefighters found smoke and flames coming from a large garage and they quickly got to work on dealing with the situation.

A third fire engine was mobilised for extra support, but the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service reported that the building had suffered extensive fire damage, while an annexe had received a large amount of damage due to heat and smoke.

The cause of the fire is believed to be accidental.

Fire crew called to help man stuck in brambles

A FIRE engine from Chard was sent to Glynswood to assist the police in the rescue of a male person who was stuck in a bramble filled ditch.

The male casualty was removed from the ditch by the fire crew and the police, using small tools and a salvage sheet.

First aid was then rendered until the arrival of the ambulance service. The incident took place on the evening of Friday, March 17th.

New hospital unit helps patients to get care they need quickly

STAFF at Yeovil District Hospital have celebrated the official opening of a successful new unit, which helps patients stay out of hospital and reduces pressure on the emergency department.

The Ambulatory Emergency Care (AEC) Unit took up residence in a purpose made space to provide an expanded service in October 2016.

The AEC Unit gives patients with on-going medical needs the care they need without having to wait in the emergency department or stay in hospital as an inpatient;

providing appointments seven days a week.

Patients with certain conditions, such as pneumonia, chest pain and pulmonary embolism are safely managed as outpatients. This helps to reduce the amount of time patients have to stay in hospital, improving patient experience and the use of Yeovil Hospital's resources.

Before the unit was opened, patients would often have to be admitted into hospital to get the care they needed. Now they can attend the AEC Unit for appointments and return home the same day.

At the official opening Julie Reeve, nurse consultant in emergency medicine, said: "The unit has been a fantastic success since opening in October 2016. We've seen 1,388 new patients over 2,298 appointments which have helped avoid 805 admissions.

"This helps take pressure off our emergency department and the hospital wards. Ensuring we can provide the best possible patient care.

"The results are a tribute to the team's dedication and vision. I want to pay a special tribute to a colleague who was integral to the unit's development, Wayne Callow, who sadly passed away after a short illness last year. He would be proud of what the team has achieved and the care they deliver to patients."

The unit was opened by Wayne's wife, Lisa Callow.

Patient feedback on the unit has been very positive.

In a review of the unit one patient said: "I visited this unit regularly after my operation, the staff were excellent. They made my visits a pleasure. Now that they have given me the all clear to not come back I feel glad that my treat-



ment is finished but sad that I will not see their smiling faces at the weekends."

Another patient wrote to the hospital to say: "I cannot praise the attitude of the staff more highly. I see the unit as a very effective and cost efficient use of NHS resources.

"I was able to go home in-between appointments and did not have to take up a hospital bed. I would like to thank Yeovil Hospital for opening this wonderful facility."

Paul Mears, chief executive of Yeovil Hospital commented: "The success of the AEC Unit is a fitting tribute to Wayne. It has made an incredibly positive impact on our Emergency Department. Since the unit has been open it's saved five hospital admissions per day, that's 150 a month. This reduces the time patients have to wait for a bed in the hospital and helps the Emergency Department hit its four hour waiting time target.

"Since we have redesigned how we work in the Emergency Department, Yeovil Hospital has consistently been in the top ten trusts in England for meeting the 95 per cent four hour wait target; the AEC unit has a lot to do with that success.

"Patients have told us they really value the unit and the way in which it delivers their care. The unit is part of our ongoing innovation in managing how patients arrive at the hospital and how they are discharged.

"GPs are able to refer their patients to the speciality teams who operate out of the unit and patients are then able to go straight to the AEC unit on arrival which ensures a smoother transition from community to hospital-based care for patients."

■ **SUCCESS:** Pictured above, Julie Reeve (front right) and Paul Mears (centre) join Lisa Callow (front), wife of Wayne Callow, in opening the Ambulatory Emergency Care Unit at Yeovil Hospital

Third phase of work now underway to improve Lyde Road roundabout

THE third phase of work on the Lyde Road roundabout project in Yeovil started earlier this month.

It has seen Lyde Road re-open and multi-way temporary traffic lights installed on the junction of Lyde Road and Sherborne Road.

Drivers have now also been banned from turning right from Sherborne Road into St Michael's Avenue. This ban will become permanent once the new junction is complete.

The final phases of the work will continue until June 2017 and see the completion and commissioning of traffic lights, installation of signs, street furniture, final surfacing and white lining.

Work started in September 2016 with the

first phase of work taking place off the road.

The second phase started at the beginning of January 2017 and included the excavation, drainage, realigning of islands, construction of footpaths and installation of the new traffic lights.

During this stage there was two-way traffic lights on Sherborne Road and Lyde Road was closed.

The works have been part of Barratt Homes' nearby Wyndham Park development to carry out road improvements in order to cope with the expected increase in traffic including the upgrading of the mini roundabout to a junction with traffic lights.

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Careline continues to improve home safety

THE South Somerset Careline service has secured a further £5,000 in funding from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service to work in partnership to improve home safety.

The grant has been awarded to increase safety in the homes of South Somerset District Council's Careline's customers.

In 2015, Careline was awarded an initial grant to help pay for the installation of smoke alarms in customers' homes.

In the past year, 156 people were referred to the fire service for a Home Safety Visit and 149 free smoke detectors which link directly to Careline's control centre were installed. A direct link to Careline ensures customers will always receive an immediate response in the case of smoke or fire.

The new funding will enable Careline to continue to support vulnerable people by installing a further 250 smoke detectors directly into people's homes.

Station manager Matt Evans, from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, said: "We are really pleased to be working so successfully in partnership with South Somerset Careline. Working together we will continue to help vulnerable people in our community to make their homes safer."

The district council's spokesman for Careline, Councillor Sylvia Seal, said: "We are extremely grateful to the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service for the further funding they have put in to this fantastic initiative. Ensuring more residents of South Somerset have smoke alarms installed is a job well done and increases the safety of our residents."

Crew manager Mike Toop added: "I think of it as the three 'Ms', which are memory, mobility and medication. They all will affect how a fire can start in the first place, but more so it affects how someone might react when a smoke alarm activates.

"With a smoke alarm fitted the resident might

not register the sound, but Careline would and a response would be ensured."

Careline provides help at the touch of a button and gives that little extra support to people who want to remain living independently for as long as possible while bringing peace of mind to their family and friends.

The service provides an emergency alarm pendant that can be worn at all times, which links to our local control centre where emergency staff are on hand to answer calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Relatives can enjoy peace of mind that their loved ones are safe and will get an immediate response whenever they need it.

A free demonstration in the home can be offered and, if you are happy with the service, staff can connect and set up the unit immediately. Through the Stepping Stones service, the alarm is provided free of charge for six weeks for patients referred to Careline when they are discharged from hospital. Alarm rental and monitoring is just £3.82 a week.

To find out more about how Careline can help you, your family or friends, call 01935-479815, visit www.carelinesouthsomerset.co.uk or email careline@southsomerset.gov.uk.

If you would like to know more about fire safety in the home visit the website www.ds-fire.gov.uk/YourSafety/SafetyInTheHome. This website includes a fire assessment booklet which you can use yourself or discuss with your family. To discuss the possibility of a home safety visit by the fire and rescue service, phone 0800 05 02 999.

■ **PICTURED right, Lynn Clarke (left), Careline support officer, helps to promote the Careline smoke detector scheme with Paul Doble, a Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service firefighter, crew manager Mike Toop, also of Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, and South Somerset District Council's Sylvia Seal**



Man arrested in Yeovil drugs raid

AVON and Somerset Police executed a drugs warrant at a house in Yeovil last week leading to one arrest.

Following information from the local community, officers and a dog unit attended the house on St Michael's Avenue.

Evidence of drug use was found at the house and a man who had breached his community protection notice was arrested at the scene.

As a result of the enquiries, Mahomad Yus-

suf, 19, from London, was charged with breaching his notice and taken out of force area.

He is now due at Yeovil Magistrates' Court on April 4th.

Sargeant Mark Doble said: "This is a great example of how vital information from the local community is. We are dedicated to listening to concerns from local people and acting on the information they supply."



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Yeovil students pick up apprenticeship awards



■ **MEDIUM Employer of the Year, Jones Building Group.** Below left, **Intermediate Apprentice of the Year, Stacey Helyar** and, right, **marketing apprentice at Yeovil College Nathan Loveridge** addresses the audience



YEOVIL College came back with a trio of trophies from The Grow Somerset Talent Award, held in Taunton on Friday, March 10th.

A total of nine Yeovil College partner businesses and employers were finalists in the awards.

The Grow Somerset Talent Group was formed seven years ago when the initial aim was to gain 100 apprenticeship placements in just 100 days, and the awards are held every two years during National Apprenticeship Week.

A Yeovil College spokesperson said: "We are delighted to have had nine of our students and employer partners shortlisted, achieving the top award in three categories, in front of more than 200 business leaders from Somerset."

The wins came in the following categories: Intermediate Apprentice of the Year (Stacey Helyar), Medium Employer of the Year (Jones Building Group) and Large Employer of the Year (Yarlington Housing Group).

Nicola Hardwill, nursing manager at Hendford Medical Centre, said: "Stacey is an exceptional individual who works very hard in our team."

"She is professional, reliable, trustworthy and committed to the company. Stacey is a shining example of someone who lacked confidence but has grown into a caring and valuable team member helped by her studies."

"Staff request to work with her, patients love her and managers can rely on her."

"As a health coach she is an ambassador to the company. "The leg ulcer team was shortlisted for the National Nursing team of the Year."

Yarlington Housing and Jones Building Group have consistently shown an outstanding commitment to the apprenticeship scheme for many years.

They continuously strive to improve

their apprentices' experience and explore how they can add value to the apprenticeships.

They believe that the apprentices are a valuable asset to their teams and do their best to retain their apprentices and offer them full time employment and further training once their apprenticeship is completed.

Yeovil College student, Nathan Loveridge, spoke at the event, outlining his journey from school to marketing apprentice at Yeovil College.

As a member of staff at the college, he plays an important role in creating and editing content, organising events and supporting the marketing and communications team with key tasks.

He said: "Thanks to my apprenticeship with Yeovil College I have grown enormously in confidence and I am excited about the future."

The Grow Somerset Talent Group is made up of four colleges within Somerset: Yeovil College, Strode College, Bridgwater & Taunton College, Richard Huish College and training providers, SS&L and Acacia Training

& Development.

Mark Bolton, director of employer engagement at the college, said: "Congratulations to all our finalists for their hard work and determination."

"As a college we are exceptionally proud of our strong strategic partnerships with local and national employers, which demonstrate commitment to invest in the training and development of the future workforce."

"Yeovil College has an impressive retention rate of 93 per cent, which means that almost all of our apprentices continue with their employers after their formal apprenticeship has ended."

"We have also launched our brand new Higher-Level and Degree Apprenticeships, meaning that our new students will be able to work with our partner employers whilst undertaking a degree via day release at Yeovil College."

"We believe this is a fantastic alternative to the traditional route of university."



■ **LARGE Employer of the Year, Yarlington Housing Group**

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Holyrood hosts cricket event

HOLYROOD Academy in Chard hosted its first-ever Primary Indoor Cricket event with teams coming from Ilminster and Chard to compete.

The competition was played on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, and Swanmead School from Ilminster were joined by Redstart, Avishayes and Manor Court from Chard.

They competed against one another in a mini round-robin tournament in an attempt to gain a place in the final.

Each team faced eight overs with every pair batting for two. The spectators were treated to some superb boundary hitting and consistent bowling throughout the afternoon.

Avishayes faced Manor Court in the hunt for third and fourth place and Swanmead and Redstart competed in the final!

It was a tense finish, but the last over saw Swanmead finish on top after some strong fielding displays and excellent hitting.

Once the competition had finished there was time for one large interactive game using the whole sports hall.

Swanmead and Manor Court were mixed together to play against Redstart and Avishayes.

Shannon Sims, PE teacher at Holyrood, said: "This gave the children the opportunity to work together and make new friends from other schools."

"A lovely, fun-filled day ended with a small presentation where Charlotte Lamb of Swanmead was presented with a medal for outstanding effort and performance."

Results: 1st-Swanmead, 2nd-Redstart, 3rd-Avishayes, 4th-Manor Court.



Chard pupils 'go wild' at the zoo

CHARD School's juniors recently visited Paignton Zoo and enjoyed everything on offer.

At the zoo, Year 5 and 6 students had an interesting 'Walk and Talk' on the topic of conservation, visiting the Sumatra tigers, Asiatic lions, Cassowary and various apes and monkeys.

Meanwhile, Year 3 and 4 pupils enjoyed a talk on skeletons and movement, working out how creatures move from their bone structure.

There was also free time at the zoo to explore the ever-popular reptile house, red pandas, giant tortoises and of course the adventure playground.



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Friendship between Navy personnel past and present

SERVING Royal Navy personnel met up with veterans and associate members of the Chard branch of the Royal Naval Association at an affiliation dinner held at the Lordleaze Hotel.

The Chard branch joined in an affiliation with the appropriately-named Royal Naval vessel HMS Somerset, starting a friendship to bridge the gap of old and new.

The Commanding Officer of HMS Somerset, Commander Tim Berry RN,

was born and bred in Chard and was educated at Combe St Nicholas Primary School and Holyrood Academy prior to attending the Richard Huish College in Taunton, and also played rugby and cricket for Chard. His parents still live at Combe St Nicholas so he is a frequent visitor to the area.

Also attending the celebration dinner of affiliation was the executive officer of HMS Somerset, Lieutenant Commander Vince Owen RN, who also

lives fairly locally at West Coker.

The Chard members enjoyed an introductory speech by Commander Berry, highlighting the changes from the current day to past ships of the Royal Navy and the changes in crew, with 33 members of his crew being female, emphasising the valuable input these women make within the ship's company.

The Chard branch received a print of HMS Somerset, together with a ship's plaque, and an exchange of gifts was given to HMS Somerset of three framed photographs of iconic buildings within Chard - the Guildhall, The Toll House and Chard School, as well as an RNA flag which can be flown on HMS Somerset at appropriate times alongside their ship's ensign.

During the evening's events it was made clear that this was the start of a friendship that will grow and members of each party said they looked forward to meeting up again when day visits to the ship can be made for Chard members.

An open invitation was also given to all members of HMS Somerset who wished to attend the Chard branch's forthcoming meetings or social events.

A spokesperson for the Chard branch said: "We are extremely proud to have this friendship, but even more proud to have two 'local lads' who have both achieved in the Royal Navy."

"It is a real honour to have both our patron (Commodore David Pond RN) and the current Commander of HMS Somerset associated with this Branch; both having grown up and received their education in Chard and both having played rugby for Chard."



■ SHIPMATE Dick Moon presents one of three iconic photos of Chard to Commander Tim Berry. Left, Commander Tim Berry presents Chard RNA chairman, Shipmate Malcolm Day, with a ship's plaque and print of HMS Somerset

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For Mary this is a new venture. She is currently training to be a nail technician and to perform eye treatments. Mary is already showing great talent & creativity with her nail art and is excited about her new challenge. Look out for special offers on her treatments in the next few weeks!



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Magdalen Farm bids for £50,000 Lottery funding

MAGDALEN Farm near Chard is calling for the public's vote to help provide family breaks for children with autism.

Magdalen Farm is one of five groups competing in ITV's West Country east region for up to £50,000 of National Lottery funding in the People's Projects competition.

Voting opened at 9am on Monday, March 20th at www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk.

The Big Lottery Fund, ITV and The National Lottery have teamed up to give the UK public the chance to decide how £3million of National Lottery funding will make a difference in their local area. The three projects with the most public votes will receive grants of up to £50,000 to help them develop their work even further to improve the lives of people in their communities.

Magdalen Farm is calling on the viewers' support, with the public voting online to decide who wins the prize. Last Tuesday, Magdalen Farm showcased their project, 'Family breaks for children with autism' on ITV West Country's regional news. They hope to use the funds to make a real difference for at least 50 South West families with autistic children. They'll be able to offer badly needed respite holidays for families to spend time together in peaceful surroundings, supported by Magdalen's qualified staff.

Commenting on Magdalen Farm's inclusion in the competi-

tion, Rebecca King, care farming manager said: "We've created special breaks for families to relax and enjoy the company of other families who understand the challenges that are faced by having an autistic child.

"Living with a family member with autism can be extremely isolating - so a respite break can be such a lifeline for a family, where they can relax without fear of the prejudice that they so often receive. That's why we are really hoping the public get behind us and vote for Magdalen Farm."

Dawn Austwick, Big Lottery Fund chief executive, said: "We are proud to support 12,000 projects every year that use the knowledge and ideas of local people to strengthen communities. The People's Projects is a chance for you to decide how National Lottery funding can benefit your local community, so make sure you have your say on who you think should win!"

The People's Projects is an opportunity to celebrate some of the incredible projects the Big Lottery Fund has supported over the past year. With 95 shortlisted across the UK, the public can now decide which groups should win up to £50,000 develop their project further.

Voting closes at noon on Monday, April 3rd. People can vote once per region and will need an email address to vote online. To support Magdalen Farm visit www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk



■ THE team at Magdalen Farm are hoping to win the £50,000 funding with the public's help

Active Kids vouchers back in Sainsbury's store

THE Active Kids campaign is once again back at Sainsbury's in Chard.

Customers can collect vouchers in store until May 2nd to help registered schools, groups and clubs across the area to get sports and cooking equipment and experiences.

Active Kids is designed to inspire and enable children to take more exercise and to eat healthily. Launched in 2005, the voucher collection scheme is open to all nursery, primary and secondary schools, as well as Scouts, Girlguiding groups and sports clubs in the UK.

Customers receive one voucher for every £10 they spend in supermarkets and one voucher for every £5 they spend in convenience stores. Since the scheme

launched in 2005, over £170 million worth of equipment and experiences has been handed over to registered schools, groups and clubs across the UK.

The voucher collection scheme, which is now in its thirteenth year, is supported by triple Paralympic gold medal-winner Ellie Simmonds, world record breaking sprinter Jonnie Peacock, Liverpool striker Daniel Sturridge and England women's football player, Lucy Bronze.

Tracie Knight, store manager at Sainsbury's in Chard, said: "The Active Kids scheme is a brilliant way for our customers and colleagues to support schools, groups and clubs in the area. We love working with local organisations and seeing the benefits the equipment and experiences have brought to the children."

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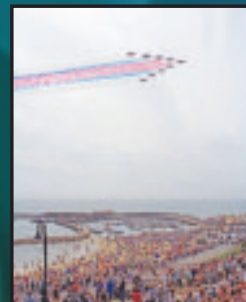
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Inspiring women celebrated in Tesco competition

GIRL power reigned supreme in Ilminster on Sunday, March 19th as the town celebrated the positive contributions women make to their families and the community they live in.

A competition was organised by Ilminster's Tesco store to coincide with International Women's Day, to commemorate the movement for women's rights and Mother's Day.

Tesco's community champion Helena Jones asked for nominations as to why their mum or a woman they know in Ilminster deserved to win a number of prizes, including a luxury hamper, a Mother's Day lunch for two at The Retreat in Ilminster, a bouquet of flowers from Cottage Flowers and a massage from Leanne's Beauty at the Lodge.

Winner of the competition was Cindy Rutter who, up until recently, was the landlady of the Royal Oak pub in Ilminster for a number of years.

She was nominated by her daughter, Emma, who said that her mum was her "inspiration and motivation".

"Most people would say how their mothers are their inspiration and without a doubt all mums are incredible," said Emma.

"However, my mum Cindy, without a doubt, goes that little bit extra for everyone – family or friend.

"You may know her from her pub landlady days where she would always be there for a friendly chat, be an agony aunt who would give you advice

and comfort or perhaps you remember her for all the charity work she has done.

"Over the years I've lost count with the amount of charities she's helped raise money for. She's touched the hearts of many by getting involved for more personal, charities such as fundraising for the loss of a local lady and a poorly young boy who spent several weeks in hospital.

"Or you may just remember her for her amazing roast dinners!

"As a mother she would do anything for her children, but she also felt this for her locals, she would help out in community days such as the Party in the Park.

"I look up at my mum tremendously as she has taught me many things over the years, but most of all she has taught me to be selfless and caring and to look after each other.

"This world can be a cruel place sometimes, but if you've got a 'Cindy Smile' and the get-up-and-go you can turn any bad situation into a good one.

"This is why I'm voting for my mum. She deserves the recognition for all she does, not just as a mother, but also as the caring friend who would help anybody out in need."

Runner-up was Marie Upshall who was described by friends Amy Charlton, Becky Cosgrove and Donna Rowe as having a "heart of gold."

"She is made up of strength, courage, beauty, kindness and honesty," said

her nomination paper.

"She is an inspiration to most people I know. If we had half the strength she has I'm certain we'd be able to survive anything in life!

"Her three boys are also an absolute credit to her – they too have showed enormous strength and Marie has ensured a loving, safe environment for them. She's one in a million – beautiful inside and out.

"She's one of those people that only lucky people get to meet in life. She would give you her last pound if you needed it.

"Look at all the fundraising she has done – always the first to whip up a batch of cakes for a cake sale.

"She oozes loyalty, trust, kindness and the list goes on. Marie is one of a kind and I don't think she has any idea the wonderful impact she has on our lives."

A celebration tea was held at the Archie Gooch Pavilion in Ilminster where the results were announced and attended by those women who had been nominated.

Community champion Helena Jones, of Tesco, said she would like to thank everyone who took part in the competition and Claire Timson, Emilee Moon, Cottage Flowers, The Retreat, Tesco Ilminster, Leanne's Beauty and Ruby Miles, Keira Timson and Gracie Bourne for their support.



■ WINNER Cindy Rutter (left) and runner-up Marie Upshall (second right) with Tesco community champion Helena Jones (second left) and Emilee Moon, also of Tesco

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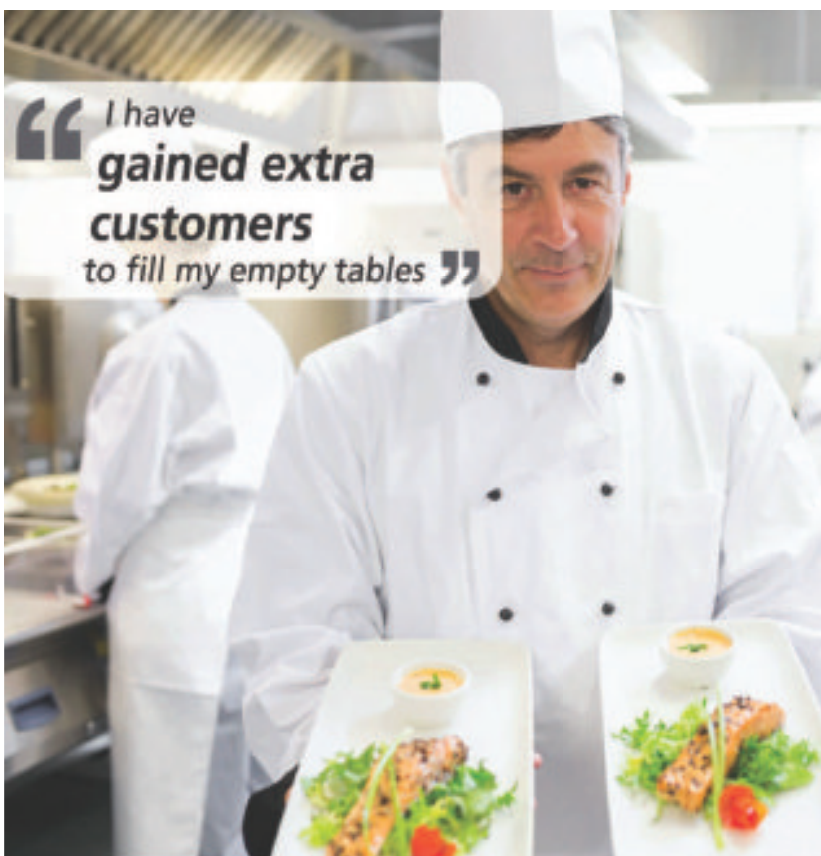
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Volunteers wanted to join new Team Iminster initiative

COMMUNITY supporters are looking for volunteers to join Team Iminster – a new initiative to get a large pool of people together willing to offer help during events in the town.

Good causes often need the help of people to support their events and, although there are plenty of people willing to support, it is not always easy to put one in touch with the other.

But the answer could be Team Iminster, which has just been launched on social networking Facebook.

Mike Fry-Foley, one of the people behind Team Iminster, said it comes in two parts.

The first is the Team Iminster page which is a sort of 'kitchen calendar', where event organisers can post their event details and the community can see what is happening around Iminster for the coming weeks and months.

The other part is the Team Iminster members' group for people who are prepared to support community activities throughout the town.

"It is planned that Team Iminster members at events will have suitably branded safety wear, t-shirts or badges and there will be training opportunities for event marshalling, and event first aid and such things as DBS clearance," said Mr Fry-Foley.

"Event organisers can post a call out for help to group members who can respond at their discretion directly to the organiser. So an event organiser will post a call out for, such as, four people to help at a cake stall on a particular day for a specific period.

"Members will respond according to their interest and availability. There will be no pressure on members to respond but it is hoped that by drawing on a large pool of members, most requests can be met positively.

"There are loads of events and activities in Iminster that need support and there are many people prepared to help them on an ad hoc basis or even longer term.

"But it has always been difficult putting them in touch with each other. Facebook is the perfect vehicle for this, particularly for the Facebook-savvy generation."

To join in search for Team Iminster on Facebook or email team.iminster@gmail.com

New home for local business

EQUATIONS Voice and Data Communications, which has been operating near Yeovil for more than 26 years, has moved its operations to larger premises in the Forest Enterprise Park, near Iminster.

The company, which offers telephone and communication systems to hundreds of organisations across the South West, made the decision to make the move having acquired a number of additional clients in the past twelve months, as well as continuing to support their existing loyal client base.

Managing Director Tom Pearce said: "We've been working in the industry for more than 20 years, and over that time we've always been committed to giving exceptional service, with a personable and local approach. We're incredibly proud that this has given us one of the highest retention rates within our industry,

and has enabled us to grow to the point that our existing premises were no longer adequate to meet our needs."

The growth comes at a time in which business communications and methods are changing at a pace.

Tom added: "With systems such as VoIP becoming much more common, it's a time when many organisations are looking at their options, and ways in which they can cut call costs.

"Providing the right system for the right circumstances has always been a central ethos for us, and explaining the benefits and cost savings in plain English has been a real winner for us to date.

"Technology can so often be shrouded in technical jargon and that's something we try to avoid."

Local farmer visit pre-school



■ THE children of Sunny Ile Pre-School in Iminster had a special visit from a local farmer. As part of the pre-school's week learning about occupations, children and staff were visited by Nick Matravers and his tractor. Pre-school leader Cheryl Herrick said: "The children had great fun learning about how the Tractor is used on the farm and loved sitting in the driver's seat. We also measured ourselves against the wheels. Thank you very much to the Matravers family for giving up their time to provide such a great experience."



■ **NEW ERA:** Volunteer stewards check out the progress being made in the exhibition room

New exhibition at Crewkerne Museum

A NEW exhibition called 'Shops, Then and Now' will welcome visitors when Crewkerne Museum opens for the new season on April 1st. Visitors will also be able to enjoy the newly-refurbished exhibition room.

Museum volunteer Janet Harris said: "The funding for the refurbishment was provided by a bequest from the late Simon Andrew who, with his wife Sylvia, were volunteers at the museum for many years.

"Simon had always been involved in the special exhibitions through research and providing photographs and maps.

"Both Sylvia and Simon gave resources to the

museum that continue to be used today.

"The completely refurbished exhibition room will help the volunteers to remember them."

Other news includes a makeover for the old kitchen gallery.

"To replace the quiz, there are now 'Chat and Check' activities in each gallery to encourage visitors with children to look at the exhibits and talk about the uses."

The museum will also hold Easter activities for children on April 5th, 6th, 7th, 12th and 13th from 10am to 4pm.

This will include free 'hunt the chicks' sessions and free art activities.

Students inspired at awards evening



A 32-strong team of students from Wadham School in Crewkerne travelled to the South Somerset Duke of Edinburgh Award presentation evening in Yeovil.

The event was held at Octagon Theatre and Mr Farmer, the lead teacher for the DofE Award Scheme at Wadham, enthused: "I am delighted with the growth of the award at Wadham from just a couple of students a few years ago to ten last year - and now 32 engaged in the programme.

"The scheme is great for confidence building and challenging the students.

"It's also a great way for them to become involved in the local community.

"I am enormously proud of our students' achievements."

There are four elements to students attaining their bronze award - volunteering, sport, learning a skill and the expedition.

Mr Farmer reported: "Students have helped with charities, at care homes and at a museum, learnt skills from bell ringing to lifeguarding and taken part in a 15km trek and camping expedition in West Dorset.

"It's been a fantastic experience for them and I see the scheme continuing to grow at Wad-

ham."

Student Honey Goddard said she loved taking part in the scheme. Her favourite element was the volunteering, for which she helped with the local Rainbows group to involve youngsters in cake-making, singing and painting activities.

She has been so inspired with the challenge of the DofE Award that she's already setting her sights on attaining the gold award.

This summer she plans to join a school building project in South Africa with the company Outpost to satisfy the expedition element of the award.

Raising her own funding will be one of the biggest challenges to overcome.

The awards were presented by James Ketchell, who gave an awe-inspiring account of his unique "ultimate triathlon" which raised thousands of pounds for charities close to his heart; the first man to combine rowing across the Atlantic Ocean, climbing to the summit of Mount Everest and cycling 18,000 miles around the world.

"He congratulated all participants for their drive and determination in achieving their awards."

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Running club donates £1,400

CREWKERNE Running Club's annual general meeting saw the presentation of cheques totalling more than £1,400.

The recipients were Cancer Research UK, The Haselbury Village Hall Project, Haselbury Plucknett School and North Perrott Cricket Club.

This money was raised from two races, The Parrett Trail Relay Race and Haselbury Trail last year.

Earlier in the year, £1,700 had been raised from Crewkerne 10K and donated to St Margaret's Hospice.

2016 was a bumper year in terms of fundraising, generating more than £3,000.

Club member Derek Boles said: "The club would like to thank all the runners, helpers and sponsors who made this possible."

The annual general meeting, held on March 14th in The George Reynolds Centre, was followed by a buffet.

The next club event is the Stokes Crewkerne 10k on Sunday, June 4th.



Businesses asked how to improve economy

SOUTH Somerset District Council (SSDC) and A Better Crewkerne & District (ABCD) will ask businesses what can be done to benefit the town's economy.

ABCD will use the data collected to apply for grants to fund the work identified from the consultation.

The more completed forms received, the easier it will be to persuade funders and other relevant organisations, to support the actions needed to benefit businesses in and around Crewkerne.

Diane Butler, chairman of ABCD explained:

"The future of the town relies on a thriving economy if Crewkerne is not to become a dormitory town for elsewhere.

"ABCD needs to understand the needs of local businesses in order to help future proof the economy of Crewkerne."

Councillor Carol Goodall, chairman of Area West Committee at SSDC, added: "The results from this consultation will help our officers work with ABCD to enhance the town's economy and put an action plan in place that is backed by the local businesses that currently occupy the town centre and surrounding area.

"We look forward to welcoming feedback from the businesses."

A paper copy of the consultation will be delivered to each business in and around the town centre of Crewkerne.

Businesses located away from the town centre will be emailed an online survey.

For more information about the consultation, contact Zoe Harris, Area Development Lead (West) at SSDC by emailing zoe.harris@south-somerset.gov.uk or by calling 01460 260423.

Tractor stolen and dumped

POLICE are appealing for information after a forklift truck was stolen and then abandoned near Crewkerne

A police spokesperson said: "The vehicle, an orange Ausa, was stolen from premises in Tail Mill Lane near Merriott around 7pm on Wednesday, March 8th and driven a short distance along the A356 towards Crewkerne where it was abandoned.

"If you witnessed this incident, or have any information about what happened, please call us on 101 and give the call handler reference number 5217052061."

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SOUTH SOMERSET LETTERS

Pensioners' forum needed still - now more than ever

■ I WAS so glad to be reminded of the pensioners' Council Tax protests in London by your recent report on WASPI's (Women Against State Pension Inequality) activities.

It was very cold the day we went to London. I took a taxi at 5am to the home of Albert Venison, then leader of Devon Pensioners' Action Forum, for our journey to Exeter - the meeting place for coaches to the capital.

We all congregated in Trafalgar Square and were amazed at the amount of people there, the police, also. We didn't expect any trouble but they were there for our safety and health.

I was so tearful to see all these people; some in wheelchairs, some in military clothes. It was an utter disgrace to treat those people like that - people like me; so many still working to subsidise their pension.

A crowd of youths cheered us on; there were tears everywhere - a sign that everyone gets old some day.

It's something we'll never forget, plus the fantastic speaker from Scotland spoke loud and clear.

One of the ladies from the Axminster group, who took to the stand, was kept in a cell overnight.

A reporter asked if he could travel a little of the way home with us on the coach. With no spare seats, he knelt on the floor. We had a little singing and slept.

Myself and a few others gave interested people more information on the pensioners' forum. It got so big we had a meeting in Chard Guildhall, where it was standing room only. The speakers who attended gave us a lot of support and we learnt so much from each other.

Sadly, through age and illness, it came to an end. But the forum today is needed more than

ever, and when I saw the WASPI photo I thought, great, we could come forward and support them; there is so much not acceptable and together we can fight on.

I was a manager at sheltered housing for 18 years and it broke my heart how these people were being punished for working, with no help for spectacles, dentures, etc.

I saw couples never have a holiday, no money, no back-ups. In those days they had respect and pride; the tough generation.

If they would pay decent carers money to the children of those that need assistance, so they can give up their employment, there would also be the pleasure of being with family; no bed needed. I could go on.

Had I known what would be to happen, I would have tried to pay 'big stamp' (National Insurance contributions) but with only a very small wage and childcare, it was too expensive. Living in Germany for three years it was a pleasure to see how a country should be run. If you didn't work, tough. Lovely schools. If we could have afforded to stay we would have, had I known.

I could have paid stamps, that is why at the moment the DWP is asking workers to check how many 'big stamps' they need before retirement.

We, the carers, are on a pittance. If the Government had to pay for all the people the carers keep at home, they would help us more - and there would be more beds available.

Maybe WASPI could contact me? We could rise again like the phoenix for the next generation.

MRS J HOSKIN,
Chard

Difficult to be proud of our country

■ AN open letter sent to Marcus Fysh MP: I write this on a Monday. Two items have caught my eye in today's news.

Yesterday, a woman was deported to Singapore. She has no family there, nowhere to live and just £12 in her pocket. She married an Englishman 30 years ago and has children and grand children here. This sounds wrong.

The tax regime for agency workers is about to change, but only for those working in the public sector. So agency workers like nurses will now prefer to work in the private sector. This too sounds wrong.

It is difficult to be proud of a country where such things happen.

Why do they? I suspect deportations have been outsourced to a private company and that that company has been given targets, and that deporting someone on a Sunday when solicitors, etc. are not at work is easy, and apparently the tax change would not have got through parliament if the private sector had been included.

It is very difficult to be proud of your country when you perceive such injustices. Winning the rugby helped with the damaged pride, of course, but is a distraction. Important issues must be addressed fairly. Marcus, over to you.

PETER LANDSOWN,
Ilminster

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Council preparing for elections

POLLING cards will be arriving through residents' letterboxes in South Somerset over the next couple of days for all those eligible to vote in the forthcoming Somerset County Council elections on in May.

The poll card will give details where your polling station is and also how you can make arrangements for a postal or proxy vote.

Anyone can apply for a postal vote, whatever their reason, so long as they submit an application form to the Electoral Registration Office before 5pm on Tuesday, April 18th. The deadline for a proxy vote application is 5pm on Tuesday, April 25th.

Postal vote packs will be sent out from Thursday, April 20th.

If you don't receive your polling card in the coming days, you should check that you are actually on the Electoral Register by contact-

ing the local Electoral Registration Office on 01935 462462. The deadline for registration is midnight on, April 13th.

Ian Clarke, Electoral Registration Officer for South Somerset District Council, said: "We hopefully are able to provide a convenient way for anyone to place their vote whether it be postal, proxy or, indeed, by coming along to your nearest polling station. The council aims to provide as much assistance as possible to the people of South Somerset to enable everyone to cast their vote."

"If you don't receive your polling card or have any queries about how to vote, then please contact the Electoral Registration Office."

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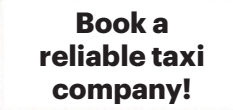
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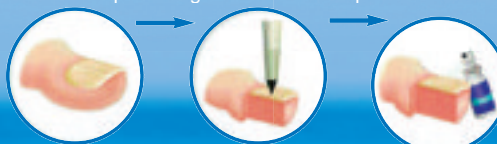
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Melanie Philip has been practicing Bowen for 7 years in East and Mid-Devon. She is also a Hatha Yoga teacher and more recently introduced Energy Healing into her work. She has found this fusion to deepen and profoundly affect and empower her client's healing journey as we are more than just this physical body. And so by creating an interference with our own energy systems will not only directly affect whatever symptoms are presenting in the body now but also affect positively what has not yet arrived in the body as well, so in effect resolving the problem on an energy level can prevent it from becoming physical.

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Melanie currently has an introductory offer of 40% off your 1st 90 minute Bowen Treatment which will include a fascinating and complete Energy Assessment where we will use energy testing a bio feedback mechanism to understand your personal energy system and habits that may no longer serve you.

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Mindfulness Drop-in

This is an informal class at Axminster Health & Wellbeing Centre from 7:30pm - 9pm on Monday 10th April 2017. Find out more about what is involved and make

sure it's right for you. Contact Kath Woods on: 01404 831605 or email: kath.woods.2012@gmail.com

The Healing Power of Essences with Karen Stead-Dexter PhD

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• The Flower Essence Resource Centre has now moved to run alongside this clinic on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday afternoon. Come along and make yourself up a personal development bottle for just £5 from the biggest flower essence collection in Chard: Bach, Bailey, Australian Bush, Spirit in Nature, Alaskan and others. Kathy, Jacquie and Nita are there to help.

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9 GREAT IDEAS FOR DISPLAYING KIDS' ART

Check out these unique and easy ideas for displaying your child's art around the home...

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SEEING kids' creativity expressed through pieces of art is incredible. But how can you best store and showcase their budding genius? (Other than the fridge, of course.)

These nine innovative ideas for displaying kids' art provide the answer:

1. Cable art display: The great thing about this cable art display is that you can design its length to fit both the size of your wall and the amount of art your kid has created.

Using clips for the art means you can easily change the display, too. This cable system is from Ikea, but any string and clip system will work.

2. Grid of wall art: If you're after a more structured look for your house, then this grid of wall art might be just the ticket.

We recommend the use of rulers to avoid any gradual sloping!

3. Not-so-empty frames: While a current prevailing trend in interior decorating is to hang a bunch of mismatched empty frames on the wall, we much prefer this idea of filling the empty spaces within with your kids' art.

Cut down on the costs of this project by buying second-hand frames cheaply and painting them yourself.

4. Kids' art centre: Why relegate your kids' art to a small section of the wall when you can turn the entire wall into a backdrop for their creations?

We love the full-length chalkboard idea, too.

5. Magnetic refrigerator art frames: Breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks... considering how often the fridge is visited every single day, turning it into an gallery via magnetic frames seems a perfect way to highlight how much you value your kids and their artistic endeavours.

6. Clipboard display: It may not get any simpler than this. Collect a bundle of vin-

tage clipboards, clip your collection of kids' art to them and then set them in pride of place on a mantel in your home.

7. Recycled clip frames: Do you have old picture frames lying around collecting dust? Brush them off, cover with linen fabric (if you'd like), and then glue a clip to each one. Your gallery awaits!

8. Removable corner frames: If the idea of playing around with paint, metal clips, and chalkboard paint seems too time-consuming for your hectic life at present, try out this super-simple idea of using removable corner frames to show off your kids' art.

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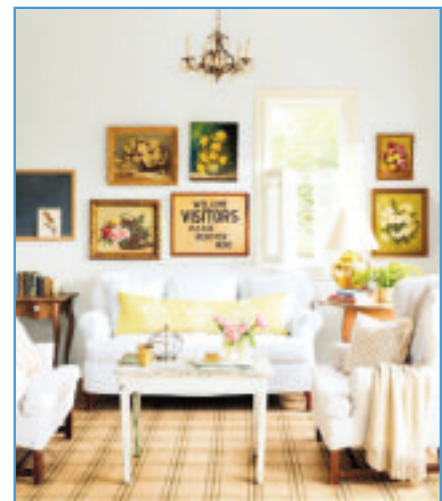
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by Hannah Stephenson, Press Association

- Continue to prepare seedbeds outside, weather permitting, using planks to stand on if the soil you are working on is very wet.
- Weed borders and mulch bare soil with organic matter or other material to stop them emerging again.
- Plant containers with hardy plants including small trees, shrubs and climbers.
- Lift and divide overgrown clumps of summer-flowering herbaceous perennials, just as growth gets under way.
- Cut vigorous climbers such as ivy, winter-flowering jasmine and honeysuckle back hard.
- Split primulas after flowering, as the flowers go over.
- Place stakes in the ground to support perennials which will soon be emerging.
- Cut down growth left after winter to make way for new shoots, dressing the soil with a fertiliser so it's ready for a layer of mulch.
- Plant out early varieties of potato, once they have been chitted.
- Plant a patch of comfrey in a bright, sunny corner of the kitchen garden. The leaves make a great addition to the compost heap, or spread over the soil around crops as a mulch.
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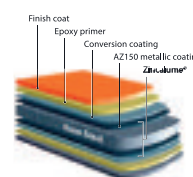
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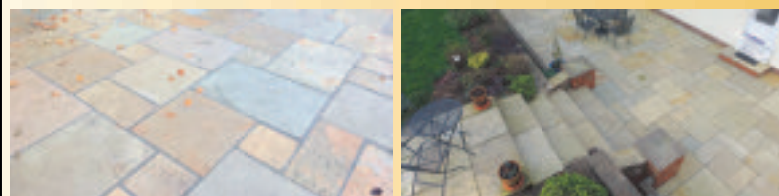
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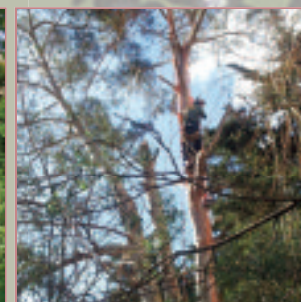
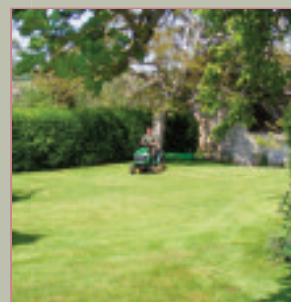
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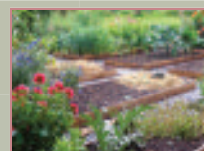
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EASTER FUN FACTS FOR KIDS

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- Medieval Easter eggs were boiled with onions to give them a golden sheen. Edward I, however, went one better and in 1290 he ordered 450 eggs to be covered in gold leaf and given as Easter gifts.
- 80 million chocolate Easter eggs are sold each year. This accounts for 10% of Britain's annual spending on chocolate!
- The tradition of giving eggs at Easter has been traced back to Egyptians, Persians, Gauls, Greeks and Romans, who saw the egg as a symbol of life.
- In medieval times, a festival of egg throwing was held in church. The priest would throw a hardboiled egg to one of the choirboys and it would then be tossed from one boy to another. Whoever held the egg when the clock struck 12 was the winner.
- The first chocolate Easter egg was produced in 1873 by Fry's. Before this, people would give hollow cardboard eggs, filled with gifts.



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THE HAYNES International Motor Museum is always a great place for the whole family to visit and this Easter there's even more to do!

For the youngsters between the 1st and the 17th April they are offering, an Easter Bunny Trail around the whole Museum with a tasty Easter treat at the end, and from the 14th to the 17th April there is the now famous Motorland Easter Egg Hunt with Bentley The Bunny, which runs in the morning and afternoon.

Both of these activities are offered at no extra cost over the normal admissions price.

South West Karting at Haynes have the go-kart circuit set up for all over Easter and mums and dads can watch or have a go too.

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Playdome Opens Sunny Days Nursery & Welcomes The New Free 30 Hours Childcare

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Playdome is also part of Sunny days Nursery.

Working parents of three to four-year-olds in England will soon be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare - rather than the current 15 hours. The childcare is only available at Ofsted registered nurseries, pre schools and childminders. The new scheme will be available from September 2017 and your child must have turned 3 before the start of the academic term.

The 30 hours of free childcare can be used term times for 38 weeks or parents can spread the free childcare out over 51 weeks but they would only get 21.5 hours per week.

The Government has been rolling out a pilot scheme in 8 English areas: Wigan, Staffordshire, Swindon, Portsmouth, Northumberland, York, Newham and Hertfordshire. The scheme is scheduled to go nationwide later this year.

There has been 75% take up by eligible parents within the trial areas. Choice of hours and days maybe limited so it will be wise to start looking for suitable providers now. It is possible to split your childcare be-

tween two providers to access the 30 hours.

Not everyone is eligible but everyone will still receive the 15 hours free childcare that is currently available for 3

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The Eligibility rules for the 30 hours free childcare are:

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- Each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage.
- Each parent must have an annual income of less than £100,000.
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This Easter, why not drag the kids away from the inevitable chocolate mountain and TV re-runs in favour of some fun activities! Kids can choose from: Crash Course in Swimming, Circuits, Synchronised Swimming, Aqua Games, Trampolining, Aqua Fit, Football Skills and Contemporary Dance. Family Fun Sessions in the pool run on Sundays from 2pm – 3pm. For further information about any of the activities, please call reception on 01308 427464 or visit www.bridportleisure.com for Easter activities and swimming times.



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The Tunnel, Target Sports Centre

THIS year The Tunnel - Target Sports Centre celebrates it's seventh year of business. The indoor rifle range complex still boasts some of the the best range facilities open to the public in the UK.

It offers shooting experiences to the general public and members of their Home office approved club alike. Whether you are a total novice to shooting or an experienced shot, there is something on offer to all ages and abilities.

The complex of indoor ranges comprises of a 25m, 35m small bore range and a 100m full bore range, as well as a laser judgmental suite and a number of newly finished classrooms.

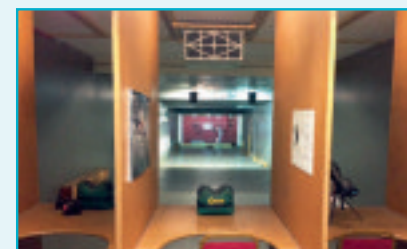
All staff at The Tunnel are fully qualified NRSA and NRA range officers, this means that you can be sure that a consistent standard of excellence is maintained throughout the centre. Along with the quality of staffing The Tunnel also prides itself on being affiliated to The National Rifle Association at Bisley and aims to provide an all - round outstanding service for air-gun, Small bore and Full bore shooting.

The Tunnel offers training facilities for many different applications, from those who want to prove or improve their skills and knowledge in application for their Firearms Certificate with 'Competent Shot', to Quality Assured Maritime Firearm Competency Courses with Maritime Firearms Competency LTD. As well

as those The Tunnel plays host to The South West Regional Rifle and Pistol Squad (SWRPS), SWRPS is a regional talent training academy that has a proven track record of success with many of their current and former athletes, Leading to the fact that The Tunnel has recently had the training for the elite Team GB pistol shooting squad reinstated, members of this squad have been as successful as competing in the 2012 London Olympics and other international Championships.

For those who may be accompanying shooters, but who do themselves not wish to shoot, the tunnel has on offer observation rooms from which they can watch, while enjoying a tea or coffee from the centres on site cafe.

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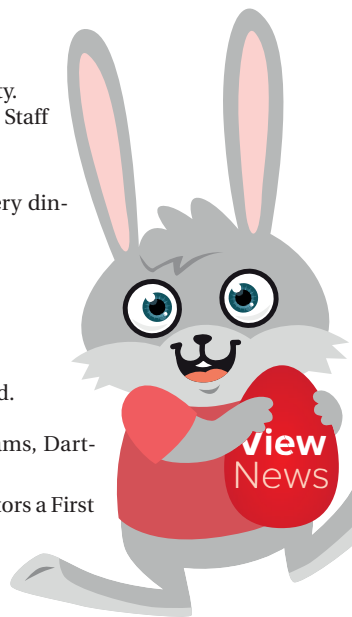
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Axcess-electric-bikes who have been specialising in electric bikes for 6 years in Honiton have now moved into larger premises in Devonshire Court on the Heathpark estate. Peter Blackman director said "We needed to be in a more prominent position, and our new Retail Showroom opposite the Ambulance station also has more space for displaying the increasing range of electric bikes available".

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CREME EGG CUPCAKES

Recipe from www.netmums.com

Serves: 8+
Prep: 10 minutes
Cook: 15 minutes

You will need:

- 12 cupcake cases
- 2x piping bags and a 2D nozzle (not essential, you could spread the icing on with a flat knife, but a piping bag gives it a more professional finish)
- electric whisk

For the cupcakes:

- 150g unsalted butter, softened
- 125g self-raising flour
- 25g cocoa powder
- 150g caster sugar
- 3 eggs
- 12 mini Creme Eggs (freeze before adding to the batter)

For the topping:

- 150g unsalted butter (never use margarine as you won't get the same consistency), softened
- 350g icing sugar
- yellow food colouring (optional)
- 6 Creme Eggs (chilled - it's good to have a few extra in case they crack when slicing), halved

Cupcake method:

1. Preheat oven to Gas mark 4/180°C /170°C fan.

2. In a large bowl, whisk all the ingredients (except the mini Creme Eggs, which should be in the freezer chilling nicely before you are ready to bake) until creamy.

3. Spoon the mixture into the individual cupcake cases and pop a frozen mini Creme Egg into each case.

4. Bake for 10-15 minutes.

5. To check they are cooked just press gently and they should spring back. Leave the cakes to cool.

For the frosting:

1. Put the icing sugar and butter in a bowl, using an electric whisk, beat together until well mixed - if necessary add a drizzle of hot water to soften the mixture.

2. Now divide the icing between two bowls and in one bowl add a tiny drop of yellow food colouring.

3. Mix well and keep adding more until you have the desired colour.

4. Now fill the piping bags with alternate dollops of yellow and white icing - this gives the two tone effect.

5. Get piping!

6. Once finished, top each cupcake with half a Creme Egg, and serve!



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Offering a quintessentially English tea-room, a gorgeous farm shop that is available all year round as well as a traditional 'pick your own fruit' farm available from around the end of June/beginning of July depending on when the fruit is ripened and ready to be picked.

Royal Oak farm are known for their fabulous award winning cream teas served daily throughout the year. All scones are freshly baked each morning and are served with local clotted cream and homemade jam produced from the fruit grown on site.

Light lunches are available including homemade quiche, home grown jacket potatoes and freshly prepared sandwiches.

The Farm shop is packed full of stock including cakes, biscuits and treats baked by talented local cooks, Frozen 'ready meals' all made from local produce, succulent meat reared on the surrounding farms and an array of fresh fruit, vegetables, locally baked bread and essentials such as milk and eggs. Royal Oak Farm has been featured on BBC One's 'A Taste of Britain' and has even made it on Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's series in which he cited Royal Oak Farm as one of his favourite places.

David and Julia also let out a charming mobile home and cottage for holidaymakers. Nestling among Devon's Blackdown Hills yet just a few minutes from the A303, The Royal Oak Farm can provide you with a real taste of the West Country.

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ON New Year's Day in 1915 the battleship Formidable was sunk off Start Point in South Devon. In a storm that followed, a life raft containing bodies was blown to Lyme Regis. The Pilot Boat pub offered it's cellar as a mortuary. Lassie, a collie owned by the pub owner, found her way down amongst the bodies, and she began to lick the face of one of the victims, Able Seaman John Cowan. The full story can be found on menus at the pub. Local legend says that our Lassie inspired the films and TV series of the same name.

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The Windwhistle Inn

THE Windwhistle Inn is a family friendly pub on the A30 in between Chard and Crewkerne.

Come along and enjoy our extensive gardens and spectacular views whilst the children take part in the egg hunt. Running through-out lunchtime so no need to arrive at 11.30am. Let the kids follow the egg trail to earn their Easter treat and perhaps discover more treats hidden around our gardens. Bring your Easter Bonnets to enter the Bonnet competition or enter the colouring competition on the day.

Lots of fun for the kids. Food and Tea/Coffee stand. Trail, crafts and games all free. Donations to the Air Ambulance welcome.



The Windwhistle Inn Big Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday 15th April
from 11.30am**

Let the kids follow the egg trail to earn their Easter treat and perhaps discover more treats hidden around our gardens.

Craft tables, games and activities running through-out the day.

Find the golden egg location for the kids to receive their certificate.

Bring along your Easter Bonnet to enter our Bonnet competition or join in our colouring competition to win prizes.

This is a free event with the trail and crafts running through-out lunchtime so no need to arrive at 11.30am on the dot!

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No finer life than Graham's

GRAHAM Harvey, for twenty years the Agricultural Story Editor of *The Archers* and writer of more than 600 episodes, brings to the stage the true tale of an unlikely Cotswold hero and an enduring romance. Graham will be taking part in an after-show conversation - included in the ticket price - where he will discuss the issues in the play... and all things Ambridge!

The play is set in the Oxfordshire countryside at the end of World War Two, rich in tradition and full of vivid, memorable characters. But this is no nostalgic, bucolic ramble. This is Elizabeth's story...

What inspires a young Som-

erset land girl to set off in search of a bestselling author in the darkest days of war? The story moves between the 1940s and the current day, reflecting that the love of the countryside, the need to protect it and issues of national identity, are timeless.

"When peace is won, we fight for the land we love"...

The show features new live music composed and performed by Alastair Collingwood, who has written scores for numerous TV & theatre shows.

Graham Harvey comes to the Beehive, Honiton on Saturday, April 1st tickets £10 adult and £8 student/child.

Rocking to make a difference

FEROCIOUS DOG are a proudly political band.

The Food Drop came about after Ferocious Dog's frontman's (Ken Bonsall's) son, Lee Bonsall, committed suicide, having suffered with PTSD after serving in Afghanistan. The Lee Bonsall Memorial Fund was set up, and Ken and his wife Karen, would go and set up soup kitchens and help the homeless. They discovered that many were ex-servicemen, living on the streets.

Ferocious Dog, who have a big following of family and fans ('Hell Hounds'), was a suitable platform to reach a wider audience, they asked for any donations that could help, (food, clothes, etc), be brought along to the gigs, it was named "Food Drop". The donations were given to homeless charities in Derby, Nottingham and Mansfield, Framework in Nottingham being one. (see attached, Food Drop, press release). The Food Drop now takes place at every gig.

The lead singer of this band, was a miner for 30 years and ended up at Kellingley Colliery.

Ferocious Dog are a full-on six-piece band that encompass folk infused with rock, reggae and Celtic vibrations. The combination of instruments creates a palette of sound that offers infinite variations: going in hard to get the audience up and moving, or slipping into melodic passages and dub-like fusions.

Ferocious Dog play live at Exeter Phoenix on Friday, April 14th. For more details and to book call 01392 667080 or visit www.exeterphoenix.org.uk

The Queen of Folk to play Taunton gig

Steeleye Span vocalist Maddy Prior heads to Somerset

SOME forty years from her emergence on the late sixties folk club circuit, Maddy Prior is one of the most enduring, influential and respected artists in British music.

Born in Blackpool and, raised in St Albans, Maddy first came to prominence as a duo with singer/guitarist Tim Hart. As the 70s dawned, they joined forces with Ashley Hutchings (of Fairport Convention) and Gay & Terry Woods, with the idea of fusing folk song with rock instrumentation and technique. The new group took its name from a traditional Lincolnshire ballad 'Horkstow Grange' - the tale of a character called Steeleye Span.

So began an incredible story. Others may claim the invention of folk-rock, but Steeleye were the first to drag it into the electronic age. In the age of the giant rock band, Steeleye Span fitted the bill perfectly, taking folk music out of the backroom clubs and into the charts with a string of hit albums, gold discs and world tours. Hart and Prior remained constant in a group whose changing line-ups read like a Who's who of British folk, until Tim left in 1980 and the band undertook a couple of sabbaticals, before returning in 1986.

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Nearly 40 years on...and and Maddy is still out touring with old bands and folk and new.

Maddy Prior has a history of collaborating with unexpected musicians. Looking to approach traditional and written material from interesting and varied perspectives. After a successful Spring Tour Maddy again teams up with Giles Lewin and Hannah James. Giles is a multi-talented instrumentalist and singer with a classical background diluted by some years in the band After Hours. He was a founder member of the band Bellowhead. He is a stalwart of the Carnival Band, another long-time collaboration of Maddy's. Hannah James is from the award-winning duo Hannah James and Sam Sweeney and can currently be seen as part of the group Lady Maisry. Previously she has been in the Demon Barbers and Kerfuffle. Hannah brings a multitude of talents to the show including singing, accordion, clog dancing and youth!

Maddy Prior plays at the Brew-house Theatre this Wednesday, March 29th. For more details or to book call 01823 283244 or visit www.thebrewhouse.net



Jacks are Noble folk

NOBLE JACKS are a rip-roaring Alt-Folk band with roof raising energy and whose warm electro-acoustic interactions fuse together with a mixture of upbeat folky footstompin' rhythms and engaging lyricism.

The band encompasses heartfelt, yet uptempo songs

showcasing fiddle, blues harmonica and big anthem toplines.

With a relentless gig schedule, Noble Jacks have been booked up largely by word of mouth and perform a diversity of gigs with their lively set lending itself well to almost any venue. After a fab teaser of a support set with Mad Dog Mcree last week at The Phoenix in Exeter, they will play at The Beehive with their full set and with their newly released album (Friday, March 24th) 'What The Hammer' opening to rave reviews.

Noble Jacks play this Friday, March 31st 8pm at The Beehive with support from local Singer songwriter Adam Sweet. Tickets £10 adv or £12 on the door.



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MADAMA BUTTERFLY
Thu 30 Mar 7.15pm £15/£12,
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NOBLE JACKS + Adam Sweet
Fri 31 Mar 8pm £10 adv, £12 on door (standing with some seating)
A rip-roaring Alt-Folk band with roof raising energy, whose warm electro-acoustic interactions fuse together a mix of upbeat folky footstompin' rhythms and engaging lyricism.

NO FINER LIFE BY GRAHAM HARVEY
Sat 1 Apr 7.30pm £10/£8
A new play from the writer of BBC R4's *The Archers*. The true tale of an unlikely Cotswold hero and an enduring romance. After-show Q&A about the play & all things Ambridge

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Diary Dates

TUESDAY MARCH 28TH

SEATON: Cooking For One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families), 11am-1pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and modified diets (eg puree/fork mashable). New venue The Marshlands Centre, Harbour Road, Seaton, EX12 2LT. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Laura on 01297 631782 for more information or email laura@halff.org.uk.

COLYFORD: Cash Bingo at Colyford Hall 7.45pm in aid of Seaton Friends Hospiscare @ Home. Ample parking. Please come and support this very worthy cause.

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre - Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm.

CREWKERNE: FREE Author Talk and Book Launch of 'Fall Guys' by Ian Andrew at 2pm in Crewkerne Library, Falkland Square. For more information, please call Ana 07931 884726

WEDNESDAY MARCH 29TH

SEATON: Seaton and District Probus Club. Talk by Peter Dare: Working Life of a Master Stonemason - From Beer to Brisbane and Back. 10 am at Seaton Methodist Church small hall. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men over 55. New members/prospective members welcome - come and give us a try. Please contact Stephen Lord on 01297 21872 for more information.

SEATON: Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway. Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5. All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre - £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games - "eyes down" at 2.30pm. Bar open, refreshments available, raffle.

THURSDAY MARCH 30TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8-10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £3.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

SEATON: Gregs' Music Makers. Come along and enjoy music and play. At St. Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Road, Seaton. 10am-11am. Babies and young ones, aged up to 4 years with their carers are welcome. Refreshments available. Come and enjoy friendship. Donations invited of £1 per family.

HONITON: Honiton Probus Club. Talk by member Reg Parish, the oldest current probus member (born 1919) on his long and varied life, interviewed by John Hicks. 11.30am for 12noon at The Heathfield Inn. Club is open to retired and semi-retired men. For more details call 01404 234195.

CHARD: Music & Magic Evening at Crowshute House, Chard at 7.30pm in aid of the League of Friends of Chard Hospital. Tickets £10 include supper available from the hospital or Barrons, Holyrood Street, Chard.

CREWKERNE: Over 50's Keep Fit at Henhayes - 10am to 11am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre - 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 - 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

THURS MARCH 30TH - SAT APRIL 1ST

NORTHLEIGH: The Valley Troupers present Lord Arthur Savile's Crime, a play by Constance Cox based on a story by Oscar Wilde. March 30th, 31st, and April 1st at 7.30 pm. Tickets, for reserved seats, £9. Available from Pauline on 01404 871516. There will be a bar and a raffle. Plenty of parking.

FRIDAY MARCH 31st

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

Don't be an April Fool, get to the Marine for a truly funky night!

ALTHOUGH it'll be April fools this is no joke! Papa Le Gál are hosting yet another evening jam packed full of musical mayhem for your delight.

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■ Papa Le Gál on stage with KPS horns

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Saturday 1st April / 8.30pm until late
See website for ticket details

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Diary Dates

HONITON: Hospiscare Bingo Afternoon. Mackarness Hall. Doors open 1.15pm Eyes down 2pm. Refreshments & Raffle.

SEATON: Lent Lunches in Seaton. Please come along to the Coffees and Lent Lunches. At the United Reformed Church Centre, Cross Street, Seaton. Between 11am and 1.30pm. Soup, filled roll, dessert and drinks provided. Crafts and Traidcraft products for sale. Funds raised will help Refugees through the work of Christian Aid. Donations of £5 invited.

AXMINSTER: Whist Drive at the Axminster Heritage Centre, Bradshaw Room, Silver Street. Axminster EX13 5A8 7.30pm Coffee, Tea, Biscuits and good prizes!

SATURDAY APRIL 1st

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne and District Twinning Association Quiz Night at W I Hall in Misterton. Teams of 4, £6 per person with a ploughmans supper. Bring your own drinks glasses will be provided. Coffee/Tea is available to purchase. Please book for catering purposes on 01460 75025/74808/77233

OTTERY ST MARY: Easter Fayre at The Institute, Ottery St Mary. From 10am to 1pm. Lots of stalls, cakes, games and fun for all. Please come along and have some Easter fun. The Bowling Club would be grateful if you could advertise the above event in your paper/book.

CHARD: Chard Camera Club end of year presentation evening in the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street at 7.30pm. The evening will see the presentation of various awards including digital printer of the year, photographer of the year etc. The evening is one of celebration prizes and topped off with fine refreshments.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - Big Breakfast from 9 - 11.30 am. Full English breakfast (£6), including fruit juice + unlimited toast & coffee/tea in a friendly setting with a lovely view. All welcome - children's menu available; vegetarians catered for. Further information from Adrienne (01460 75313) or Sheralyn (01460 74654)

YARCOMBE: Bingo at the village hall, doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

SUNDAY APRIL 2ND

COLYFORD: Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall. 9am-2pm. £5 a table. For more details call 01297 23591.

BROADCLYST: 'Strictly on Sundays' at Broadclyst Victory Hall, 2.30pm-5pm. Free parking. Pay on the door £5 (includes tea/coffee and cakes).

SOUTH PETHERTON: Easter Baking Course to include Hot Cross Buns, Croissants, Brioche Buns, Sweet or Savoury Couron and Focaccia. 9.45am - 3.00pm. At Frogmary Green Farm, South Petherton. For more details call 01460 249758 or visit www.frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk

OFFWELL: Big Breakfast at Offwell Village Hall, Nr. Honiton from 9.30 - 12noon. Full breakfast or smaller breakfast, stalls with bric a brac around the room, proceeds to ORG&VHC for the new Play Ground Project.

AXMINSTER: Axminster Chamber Choir concert, St Peter's Church, Dalwood EX13 7EQ Choral music for Lent and Holy Week, Victoria, Tallis, Byrd. Tickets £10 at the door to include refreshments. Proceeds to church roof fund.

MONDAY APRIL 3RD

AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at Axminster Guildhall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

SEATON: Seaton & District Memory Cafe, first Monday every month at Seaton Methodist Church (EX12 2ST) 2-4pm. For more details call 07827 813776.

AWLISCOMBE: Awliscombe WI Easter Bingo at Awliscombe Parish Hall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre - 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45am to 11.45am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 - 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

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A stompin' good night

ARMCHAIR travel doesn't get any easier than this. There's no need to hop on a transatlantic flight to hear the unique genre of music produced by the 'crescent city' of New Orleans when the Sunset Café Stompers will bring it to your doorstep! Headed up by founder member and piano whizz Mike Denham, the Stompers boast a talented line up of musicians who specialise in playing exciting New Orleans jazz and on Friday, April 14th they will be doing so at Ilminster Arts Centre.

The band takes its name from The Sunset Café, a top nightspot on Chicago's infamous South Side. Al Capone owned it, Louis Armstrong starred there. The Sunset Café Stompers play the music of that period, including great tunes from Scott Joplin, Irving Berlin, Jelly Roll Mor-

ton, Duke Ellington and Fats Waller, but the band's wide repertoire also features songs made famous by artists as diverse as Patsy Cline, Marilyn Monroe, the Inkspots, Fats Domino and even Mr Elvis Presley.

The variety of music itself is significant, evocative of the elusive, shifting, pulse that defines the sound of New Orleans. The city has a tradition of bands being hired to attract a crowd, or to add spirit and generate excitement for all kinds of occasion. Since their foundation in Dorset in the early 1980s the Sunset Café Stompers have followed in that tradition: playing at festival and jazz clubs the length and breadth of the country, down to Cornwall and up to Cumbria, as well as wedding, funerals, garden parties and village halls.

Over the years the band personnel has changed and adapted but the current line up is Mike Denham (piano and band leader); Steve Graham (trumpet); John Coad (drums); Pete Middleton (trombone); Eddie Edwards (banjo); Pete Ward (bass); Mike Betts (clarinet and tenor sax).

The Sunset Café Stompers play at Ilminster Arts Centre on Friday, April 14th at 8pm. Tickets are £15 (a pre-show supper is available for £14 at 7pm but must be pre-booked). Advance booking recommended for what promises to be a memorable evening of jazz at its most sublimely entertaining. Box Office 01460 54973.

■ Sunset Café Stompers



Psychic Vibration on the Medium Wave

EX-HAIRDRESSER Steve Holbrook, regarded by many as one of the UK's top Clairvoyant Mediums, is visiting locally very shortly, and he explains how he hears the voices of our loved ones that have passed away. His ability started from behind the salon chair, and he now visits Theatres and Hotels around the country, and as far as the Caribbean, demonstrating his unique ability to act as a telephone exchange between this world and the Spirit world.

Steve says that he was always aware from being a child that life existed beyond the grave, when he awoke to find 5 soldiers marching through his bedroom, but could only see the top half of them floating through the room. "This was very un-nerving experience but it was to give me an early glimpse of what was to come, and now it's as natural as breathing to me"

Steve started work in Leeds city centre in a busy hairdressing salon, and feels that the years he spent behind the chair, having that personal contact with the customers, stimulated this rare, yet natural ability to hear the voices of spirits. People used to come in and book for their hair cut, and often got more than they bargained for

when he passed on a message from their loved one. Steve was always the busiest stylist, and had a 6 week waiting list if people didn't re-book immediately, and says "I often wonder if they kept coming back for my ability as a hair stylist, or the possibility that they might receive a message from a relative who had passed away!"

He now gives messages of re-assurance to people who have lost their loved ones, and by communicating with them, helps them understand that life continues, just simply in a different dimension. One lady's mum came through to her in one of Steve's messages, and said to the daughter "don't forget the brown Prada handbag on Friday". The lady replied "I'm putting it in my mums coffin on Friday, she only died 5 days ago". Who would know this information?

One of Steve's best friends is the multi-talented Jane MacDonald, singer and co-presenter on ITV's Loose Women. Steve met Jane in a Spiritualist Church many years ago, and predicted she would be on BBC TV as part of a cruise entertainment documentary. She didn't believe it, but the year after it came true, and she was the star of The Cruise, the first docu-soap, and she

had the biggest selling debut album of all time. She has dedicated her auto-biography to Steve, calling him her inspiration and guru, and can't thank him enough for being there when she needs guidance.

Steve has three books out, 'Light in the Darkness', 'Out of this World', and 'Survival', and these all offer a true insight into the day-to-day life of a working medium. Steve's beliefs on many areas of Spiritualism, and a great background in to Steve's life.

Steve has raised tens of thousands of pounds for charities over the years, £50000 for his local hospice in Wakefield, £5000 for MacMillan Support, and most recently our current total for PACT – a charity that helps terminally ill children and their parents across the country – is almost £30,000. He is dedicated to raising funds and awareness for this charity.

Don't miss this emotional roller-coaster ride of an evening, a night to remember!

Stephen Holbrook comes to the Beehive, Honiton on Tuesday, April 11th. 7pm doors, 7.30pm start. Tickets are £17 in advance, £18 on the door. See the advert below for more details.

Pecorama steams ahead for 2017!

THE Beer Heights Light Railway at Pecorama in Beer will steam up for another feature-filled season on April 1st.

The winter months have seen the team of railway staff perform essential maintenance work, including the replacement of track and signalling as well as ensuring the fleet of locomotives and their carriages are serviced and ready for another year of visitors.

In addition to the railway running daily from April to the end of October, a number of new developments are in place including one of the largest revamps of catering the site has seen in its 40 year history. The latest food outlet 'The Junction' will get its first full season of operation serving Pizza and Tapas on a purpose-built terrace overlooking the railway and with stunning views extending across Lyme Bay.

'The Whistle Stop', formerly the 'T & Ice' shop, will continue to offer locally made ice cream and drinks but now also boasts a BBQ grill serving butchers' burgers, sausages, bacon and eggs; and the famous 1950s 'Orion' Pullman Carriage will offer cream teas, after-



■ Grab a slice at The Junction

noon teas and high teas at peak times throughout the season.

Regular visitors, including those with annual membership, will no doubt spot the selection of artistic pieces placed around the site in preparation for the Pecorama Sculpture Trail taking place from May to August. Little ones will enjoy the recently refurbished outdoor play areas with a new play train and wheelchair-friendly roundabout surrounded by brightly

coloured soft and safe surface material which incorporates an exciting 'railway track' and a 'moat' in front of Castle PECO.

Annual events such as the popular Vintage Vehicle Rally, Shakespeare in the Gardens and fundraising Garden Day will take place throughout the year and the attraction's main features, including the Railway, Gardens and indoor Play Area will open daily 10am – 5pm from 1st April until Hallowe'en on 31st October.

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MUSICALLY, March has been a busy and varied month at The David Hall.

This was clearly shown when, on Saturday, March 4th, we all enjoyed a return visit from the Havant-based trio, The FB Pocket Orchestra, who charmed and impressed the audience with their mix of Blues, Ragtime, Hot Jazz, songs and dances from long ago. The aims of the orchestra are to present a contemporary slant on popular Acoustic music from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. This was a fantastic night that will be repeated in the not too distant future.

On Saturday 11th, the Somerset-based singer/songwriter Kitty Macfarlane performed for us for the first time since her headlining spot at last year's Petherton Folk Fest. Kitty not only writes great material but she is a talented guitarist and blessed with an amazing voice. Kitty was supported by Bridport-based singer/songwriter, Peter James Millson, who got the evening off to a great start. This was a superb example of local talent from two musicians who indeed have a very bright future.

Saturday, March 18th saw a welcome return for their fifth visit by the fantastic band from the Isle of Skye, The Peatbog Faeries. This was one of our 'Chance to Dance' nights and a packed house loved every second of what was a superb evening. The Peatbogs have just celebrated 25 years

of performing their stunning take on Celtic dance music. This incorporates many influences including Traditional Jigs and Reels through Jazz, Hip Hop, Reggae and much more. This was another truly memorable night which I am already working on repeating soon. If they come again please book early or you may well be disappointed – as many were this time.

Our final event in March was on Saturday 24th when we welcomed for the first time the six-piece band from Hartlepool - The Jar Family. This will not be their last visit to South Petherton as the feedback from the audience was such that the group's take on music - which they call Industrial Folk Rock - was received with rapturous applause and a standing ovation. I tip this band for future stardom as not only have they a large catalogue of stunning songs but they are brilliant musicians with a truly gifted stage presence. A band not to be missed!

April gets off to an exciting start on Saturday 1st when two of the country's top singer/songwriters - Steve Tilston and Jez Lowe - perform together at The David Hall for the first time.

Both Steve and Jez have been with us, individually, many times before. Getting them together is a real coup. Wonderful songs, great guitar playing and a bucket load of banter is guaranteed. This is a night not to be missed.

On Friday 7th Bridport's Stomping Dave will bring his mix of singing, playing and dancing to South Petherton. Dave has performed at Bluegrass, Blues, Country, Folk and Old Time festivals throughout the country. Please support this totally unique performer.

On Saturday 15th we welcome on his Golden Anniversary (50 years of songs and stories!), and for his sixth visit to The David Hall, the wonderful Richard Digance. This will be a very special performance with many surprises. Richard is a performer like no other. A night of laughter, mingled with a great deal of reflection, is a certainty. This performance will be all the more special as Richard will be supported by the duo, The Broadside Boys.

On Thursday, April 20th the award-winning duo, Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman, will perform. Long established as one of the Folk scene's most rewarding and enduring partnerships, the couple's intimacy and strength of passion on stage have won them an envi-



■ Seckou Keita

able reputation as 'songwriters par excellence'. We are "chuffed" to have them back with us again. This duo has consolidated themselves as pillars of modern Folk music.

The final gig in April is on Saturday 29th when, once again, our stage will be graced by the wonderful Kora player from Senegal - Seckou Keita.

His performance with us in 2015 was certainly one of the most talked-about events at The David Hall. Seckou is a true genius on the 22-stringed Kora and he has charmed audiences throughout the world since 1996. Tickets are selling fast for this event so if you wish to come, please book soon.

Finally, just a quick reminder for your diaries that on Saturday 17th June the Petherton Folk Fest will be back with another full programme of music and dance - and very much more - throughout South Petherton. I will provide more information next month

Pete Wheeler, Petherton Arts Trust

Advertiser's Announcement

Christadelphians Bible talks

OUR five Sunday afternoon talks in April cover a variety of Bible topics but the last two may be of special interest to anyone who is concerned by events currently taking place in the world – not least in our own country. This time last year things were apparently 'normal' in the UK but the referendum result has brought uncertainty here and in Europe. And so has the US election which from this side of the pond looks so bizarre. And what does Russia really want in the Middle East with no one to oppose them? Our world is changing but where is it going?

The Bible holds answers to questions such as these. Long ago, Jesus Christ forecast the times in which we live with its fears for the future. But he also spoke of where the world is heading. The ancient prophets also tell what is in store for the world.

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ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

No time for rest for this one-woman show!

I LIKE to think I'm a walking, talking one-woman show. Yes, I have great support from friends, family and colleagues, but mostly I work alone, I parent alone and I even spend a huge amount of my free time on my own. It's not always been like that, but at the ripe old age of 40, I have come to terms with the fact that the only person I can really rely on is myself.

This week I've had a tough job juggling all of my solo engagements and it's been extremely busy, with a deadline on the popular *Lyme Regis Experience* magazine - which I sell into and contribute to editori-

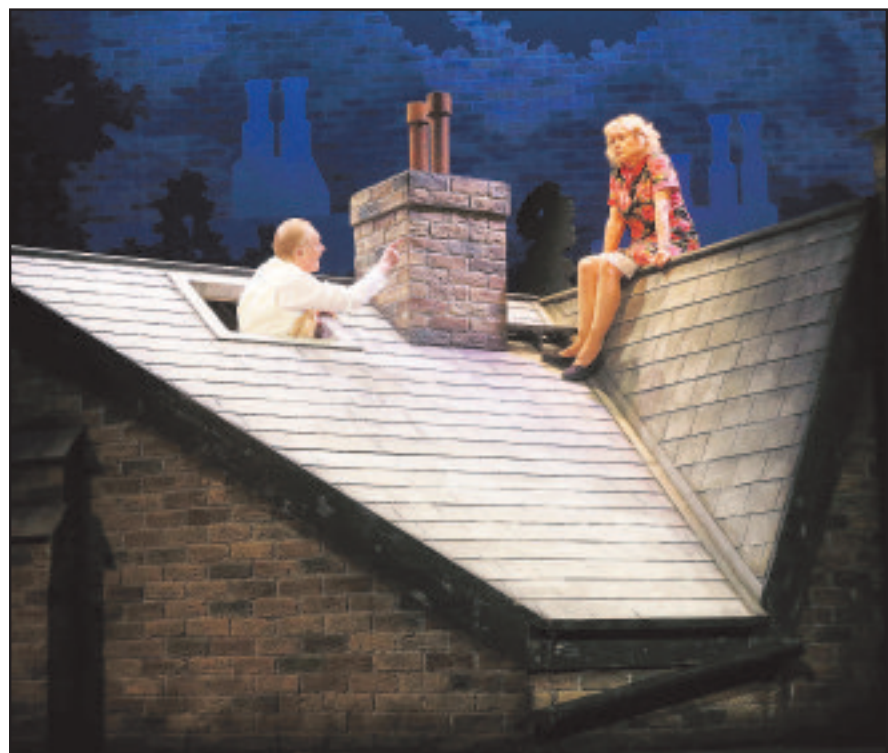
ally - both of my teenagers have needed support and I've had to fit in some extra theatre engagements.

It's really lovely to be in demand and I've worked hard to gain a favourable reputation as a theatre critic, but sometimes, I need to learn to say no, as the pressure I put myself under to succeed can impede my ability to fulfill my other roles competently and I end up with an overpowering feeling of guilt.

One PR agency representative last week described me as being "omnipresent" when it came to theatrical publications in London and with articles

this week appearing in the *London Weekly News* and the *South London Press*, on the theatrical websites, *West End Wilma* and *Broadway World*, my weekly spot on BBC Radio Kent and this for the *View From Newspapers*, I do seem to be covering quite a lot of bases.

Ironically three of the five shows I've seen this week have had strong women at the centre (not that I think I'm a particularly strong woman!) and after a visit to see *An American in Paris* (absolutely beautiful) I was treated to a sensational solo cabaret show by former *Wicked* star Rachel



■ Russell Dixon and Liza Goddard in *A Passionate Woman*.

Tucker, before I headed to Richmond Theatre to see Jodie Prenger as Shirley Valentine. The 30th anniversary revival of Willy Russell's one-woman play was glorious and Prenger gave some real glamour to the famous housewife.

It was during the interval in Richmond that I learned of the atrocities, which were occurring in Westminster. I switched on my phone and was greeted with panicked messages from family and friends desperately trying to find out if I was safe.

I'll admit, I struggled to concentrate on the second act and I almost decided to cancel my central London theatre trip that evening, but there is a steely determination amongst Londoners that the terrorists will not win and as I now see myself as an honorary city girl, I felt it would have been cowardly of me not to continue with my day in support and defiance.

I'm not professing to being brave, the brave ones were the medical staff, police and general public who ran to assist

those injured in the attack, but I did feel that I mustn't let the perpetrators of this type of incident influence the trajectory of my day.

The tube journey back into central London was just the same as usual and although Westminster station was closed and it did feel a bit eerie as the rush hour train passed the empty platforms, Londoners went about their business with their normal level of purpose and poise.

After pausing to take stock, I continued with my working day and went to see *The Miser* starring Griff Ryhs Jones, Lee Mack and Mathew Horne, which was extremely disappointing, but I was pleased to see the show go ahead and the theatre was full.

I then returned to the South West to put the *Lyme Regis Experience* to bed, before heading down to Exeter to review Kay Mellor's *A Passionate Woman*, which starred Liza Goddard and was a little bit strange.

There's no let up next week, when I have a dead-

line on the *Seaton, Beer and Colyton Experience* magazine and an interview with the comedian Reginald D Hunter, who is performing both in Lyme Regis and Shepherd's Bush, so I can cover both of my areas.

I'm also going to see the acclaimed musical *The Life at Southwark Playhouse*, *Escape the Scaffold* at Theatre 503 and I'll be seeing Broadchurch and former Doctor Who star David Tennant in *Don Juan* in Soho at the Wyndham's Theatre.

I think this one-woman show could do with taking a leaf out of Shirley Valentine's book and heading off on to warmer climes again. I'd better start saving!

You can read all of my reviews and interviews on our websites londonnewsonline.co.uk and viewnews.co.uk or you can follow me on Twitter for regular updates @NickySweetland



■ Jodie Prenger as Shirley Valentine.

Photo by Manuel Harlan

Diary Dates

TUESDAY APRIL 4TH

AXMINSTER: Axminster & District Probus Club for retired and semi-retired business and professional men meets at 10am for 10.30am in a private room at the A35 Pit Stop, Gammons Hill, Kilmington for a talk by A. Sprague on 'Benefit Claims & Funding' and an optional lunch. For further details ring 01460 220528.

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre - Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 5TH

SEATON: Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

COLYTON: Colyton, Colyford & District Memory Café 2pm to 4pm, St John Hall, King St, Colyton.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - sew, knit & natter, 10.30am. All welcome; details from Jill (01460 72837)

SEATON: Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway. Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5. All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details.

ROUSDON: Easter Bingo Night at Peek Hall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm. In aid of the Compyne Rousdon Produce Association.

COLYFORD: Women's Institute, 2pm in the Memorial Hall. Speaker will be talking about RNLI Lifeboats. More information from Elizabeth on 01297 624250.

KILMINGTON: "A United Kingdom (12A)" The true story of the love that shook an empire in the late 1940's. Moviola screen a Kilmington Village Hall, doors and bar (wine and soft drinks) open at 6.45pm, film starts at 7.15. For more details or advance booking contact 01297 32335, tickets £5 if ordered in advance or £5.50 on the door.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre - Cash prizes - "eyes down" at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

THURSDAY APRIL 6TH

CHARD: Chard Camera Club. The start of the new photography year for the club begins at 7.30pm in the Baptist church hall, Holyrood Street. members will be renewing their memberships, reviewing the programme for the coming year and holding a production workshop in order to refresh their skills.

CHARD: Straightforward, welcoming, and free relaxation and meditation sessions in Eleos Coffe Shop, Chard. First Thursdays April to September, 7pm-9.15pm.

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CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre - 10.00am to 11.00am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre - 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 - 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try

FRIDAY APRIL 7TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - 'Food on Friday', mid-day for 12.30pm start. Good two course meal + roll & butter and unlimited tea/coffee. Special diets can be catered for if requested in advance. Open to all ages; very friendly atmosphere; newcomers really welcomed, but please book places in advance by phoning June (01460 77057) or Jackie (01460 72324), who will also provide

Crossing the Border

Two painters and a sculptor

THREE artists from North Dorset are crossing the county border to show their work at Ilminster Arts Centre for the first time, in an exhibition that opens on Monday, April 10th. Friends Sue Bates, Sue Fawthrop and Darren Wheeler have frequently exhibited together for Dorset Art Week, but have never before shown in Somerset, so their new show 'Two Painters and a Sculptor' marks an exciting debut.

Painter Sue Bates loves the medium of watercolour. She uses no pencil in any of her works "I prefer to dive in without the limits of pencil marks", she explains, "this means I can truly follow the flow of the paint and adapt my techniques, subject matter and composition as I work."

This approach shows in most of her pictures, where the images can appear with movement or ghosting as the subjects emerge or disappear. Sue works mainly in her studio in Dorset which looks out on her garden, and the ancient hill fort of Hambledon Hill.

Sue Fawthrop's paintings explore the mood and atmosphere of the landscape and coastal areas of Dorset. She makes drawings on site, with notes about weather, sounds and transitory events, and develops these into paintings in oil, watercolour, acrylic and collage in her Dorset studio using a semi-abstract style.

Darren Wheeler is a wood turner and sculptor who has had a passion for timber since early childhood. Introduced to lathe turning by the wood

craftsman Dave Robert RPT, Darren found his metier instantly. His signature organic style features natural edges and burring, which are inspired by the colours and forms of the surrounding landscape, and he sources his timber locally from storm-damaged trees. All of Darren's sculptures use timber that would otherwise be burnt or left to rot, timber that few people would have the courage to attempt to turn!

Featuring art works that are both distinct and yet complementary, this exhibition promises a visual feast, and a great opportunity to discover a trio of talented Dorset artists.

The exhibition runs from April 10th to 29th.

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Diary Dates

more information if required.

AXMINSTER: Axminster Flower Club have invited Jackie Nicholls to lead a workshop. She will be showing everyone how to make a Floral Card, an ideal gift for Easter! Non-members are invited but please contact Jackie Dadds on 01456221315 for details first.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Country Market patchwork demonstration at the Speedwell Hall, Abbey Street, TA18 7HY between 9 am and 11am. There'll be lots of homemade cakes and savouries, produce and crafts for sale. Refreshments, free entry and a warm welcome awaits

SATURDAY APRIL 8TH

CHARD: Dancing with the Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. Theme 'Easter's Nearly Here', at Chard Guildhall. 8-11pm. Free parking. Bring your own snacks. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. Pay on the door £6.

HINTON ST GEORGE: 'Flix in the Stix' presents 'A Street Cat Named Bob' (12A), in the Hinton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

SOUTH PETHERTON: We are holding our Spring Sale from 10am to 12 noon at the Methodist Church. Entry is free and stalls will include cakes, preserves, toys, books & CDs, bric-a-brac, raffle & tombola. Refreshments will be served.

BEER: Wurlitzer Theatre Organ Show - Andrew Nix will present his varied repertoire of popular music at the Congregational Church, Fore Street, Beer. The show starts at 2.00pm, admission £7.00 on the door, children free, everyone welcome. For further info visit www.beerwurlitzer.org.uk or phone 01297 24892.

YARCOMBE: Market, 10am-12noon. Cakes, cards, honey, bric-a-brac and lots more.

SEATON: St. Gregory's Church Easter Fair. From 10am to 12.30pm. At St. Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Road, Seaton. Come along and enjoy our stalls selling delicious cakes and jams, crafts, glassware, silver and wood crafts and other goodies. Refreshments available. Free entry. Easter Egg Hunt in Church! To book a table for £5, please contact Sharon on 01297 625875

SUNDAY APRIL 9TH

COLYFORD: Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall. 9am-2pm. £5 a table. For more details call 01297 23591.

MONDAY APRIL 10TH

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

BEER: Beer Film Society screening 'Arrivals'. Doors 7pm for 7.30pm screening. Bar, raffle, and ice cream. Members £3.50, non-members £5. All welcome.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre - 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45am to 11.45am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 - 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

TUESDAY APRIL 11TH

SIDMOUTH: East Devon Organ Club at Primley Road Church Hall (EX10 9LH). Matthew Bason will perform at 7.30pm.

CREWKERNE: The Ile Valley Flower Club have a Flower Arranging Demonstration presented by Susan Griffiths from Plymouth. Titled 'Madam Du Paris'. At Broadway Village Hall. Starts 7.30pm visitors and new members welcome

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre - Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

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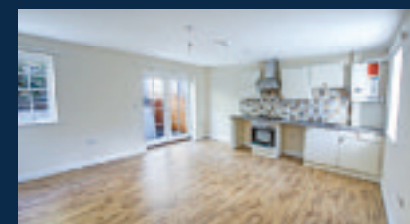
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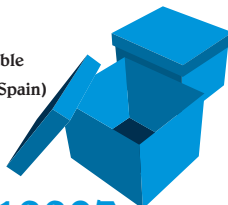
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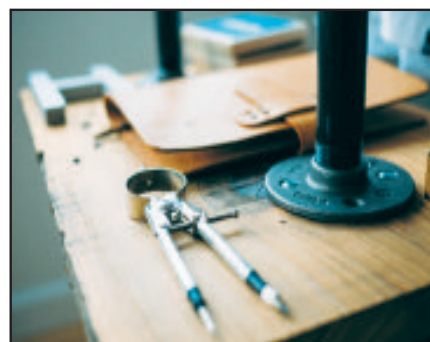
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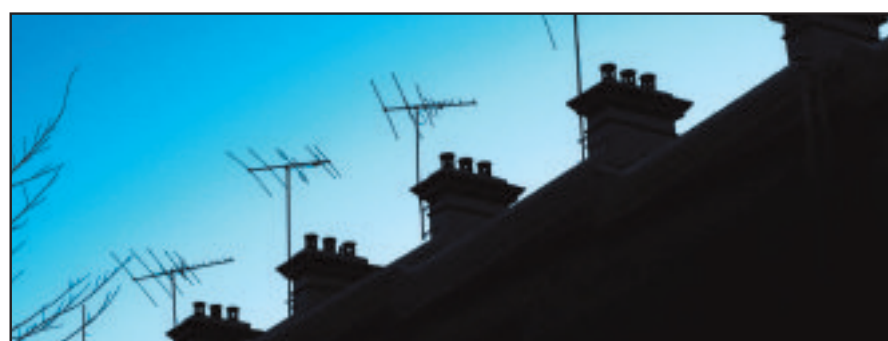
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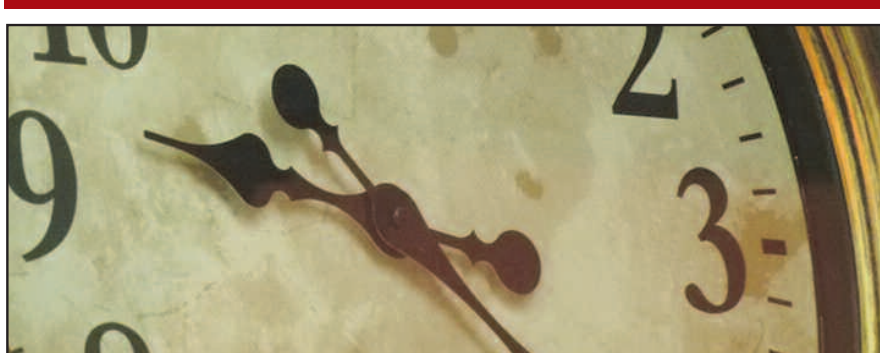
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The battle between the Mitsubishi Lancer Evo and the Subaru Impreza has been played out on gravel and tarmac across all corners of the globe. In terms of WRC victories, it's the Subaru Impreza that has won the most silverware, with 46 wins compared to the Evo's 26, but which one of these two icons of the 1990s and early 2000s is the one most favoured by Japanese car fans?

The organisers of Japfest - Europe's biggest Japanese car show - want to know, and to do so they need YOUR input. Japfest has created a special survey, where fans of both marques, or of performance cars in general, can cast their votes. Which would you like to see crowned the most iconic Japanese rally hero of all time? Place your votes here.

(www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7YW6QX8)
The survey will remain open until Sunday, April 9, with the winner being announced the following week, ahead of the Japfest event, which will feature a special Evo v Impreza stand-off celebrating an old school rivalry between Subaru and Mitsubishi that can trace its roots back to the halcyon days of Group A rallying in the

mid-1990s.

Japfest will be putting the iconic rivals to the test, inviting clubs to nominate five cars each to take part. They will be given a slot to set the fastest time on the Silverstone Handling Course, with the fastest combined score winning for their club and their model.

Event director, Phil Weeden said: "There are loads of clubs for both Mitsubishi Evos and Subaru Imprezas, which shows just how much enthusiasm there is for these two rally icons. We love both of them, but ahead of our event at Silverstone we'd like to know which one will be crowned Japan's greatest rally icon, before the battle is played out on track."

Japfest is set to return to the iconic home of British Motorsport in 2017, after drawing a record crowd to the new venue when it moved there last year. Almost 20,000 people turned up, an increase of 20 per cent over the previous record achieved in 2015, and this year's event looks set to be even more exciting, with a host of new features alongside some of the more traditional attractions.

The British Drift Championship drivers will again be in attendance, once more competing in the Drift Kings competition, guaranteeing some tyre-smoking, side-

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Other new features for 2017 will include a 'Retrofest' paddock paying tribute to some of the most celebrated old school Japanese classics, and a special 'Power Paddock' - a zone devoted to cars that rely

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The new features come in addition to Japfest's already established attractions, including a show 'n' shine, individual and club displays and a sprawling retail village where you can find everything you need to maintain and modify your Japanese car.

A second Japfest event is also planned for later in the year, taking place at Donington Park on July 1 in conjunction with

the Fast Car Festival.

Full details of the show, the cars and the various activities can be found at www.japfest.co.uk, or via the official Facebook page and Twitter feeds. Entry tickets are available via the website, with the option of overnight camping and an early bird offer of an exclusive Japfest T-Shirt and issue of Banzai magazine (worth £15) with every advance ordered before 3rd April.



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Citroën E-Berlingo Multispace: The leisure activity vehicle goes electric

AS THE benchmark leisure activity vehicle for over 20 years, the Citroën Berlingo has consistently exceeded the expectations of its customers. The new E-Berlingo Multispace keeps all of the original car's practicality and modular design, and adds the efficiency and driving pleasure of an electric vehicle. With a range of up to 106 miles, the new model meets the needs of private customers and businesses alike, with easy charging and all the benefits of electric mobility.

The Citroën Berlingo passenger car is now available with an electric drivetrain, in the form of the E-Berlingo Multispace. The new model offers a refined, zero-emission driving experience and sets new standards in the sector for peace-of-mind and ease of use.

This new addition to the Berlingo Multispace range retains the versatile design, space, comfort and essential equipment that has made the conventionally-powered models such a benchmark in the leisure activity vehicle segment. The new E-Berlingo Multispace extends Citroën's electric vehicle range, which already includes the C-Zero and Berlingo Electric LCV.

Powered by a compact and high-performance permanent magnet synchronous motor, the new vehicle accelerates swiftly and smoothly. The refined and comfortable ride of this versatile car is designed to meet

the demands of active families, whilst adding all the advantages of an electric drivetrain.

The new vehicle's lithium-ion battery packs are positioned in the subframe either side of the rear axle, which means the cabin layout and boot volume are retained. The E-Berlingo Multispace is fully adaptable and boasts a modular design that can accommodate up to five people, or larger loads when the seats in row 2 are folded away. The boot volume is amongst the best in class at 675 litres with five people on-board, increasing to 3,000 litres with the row 2 seats folded away. The row 2 seats can also be removed completely to create a fully flat load area.

Access to the vehicle couldn't be simpler with two sliding side doors, plus a large rear tailgate. The tailgate has a window that opens independently, making loading the boot easier in confined spaces.

The E-Berlingo is perfect for urban and suburban use, and professional applications where there is easy access to charging points. The new model offers all the benefits associated with a 100% electric vehicle, including environmental advantages, low running costs, plus taxation and parking benefits. The new E-Berlingo Multispace is equipped with the same proven electric drivetrain as the Berlingo Electric LCV, which is already in service with numerous fleet customers across Europe.

With a range of 106 miles, measured on the NEDC cycle, the E-Berlingo Multispace is perfectly adapted to consumer use – the majority of European motorists drive less than 60 miles each day.

The E-Berlingo Multispace can be re-charged to 50% of its total range in 15 minutes or to 80% of capacity in 30 minutes from a dedicated rapid charge point. This uses the vehicle's D/C rapid charging port (CHaDeMO). The standard charge time is 8 hours using the 16 A, Type 2 cable or as little as 10 hours from a domestic 3-pin socket. The motor also provides regenerative braking when the vehicle is slowing down, helping to re-charge the batteries and reduce brake wear.

The new E-Berlingo Multispace develops 67hp (49kW) and has 200Nm of torque immediately available. The two high-capacity lithium-ion battery packs, with a combined rating of 22.5kWh, lower the car's centre of gravity for even more dynamic stability.

For an even more user-friendly experience, the new E-Berlingo Multispace comes with remote-controlled functions for use via a smartphone. These functions include a facility that allows the driver to pre-heat or cool the interior prior to accessing the vehicle. The driver can also remotely check their car's battery charge level.

There is also an innovative eco-driving assistance programme, which helps the

driver adopt the most economical driving style to optimise range. The navigation system displays speed limits and traffic information, as well as charging points that can be reached by the vehicle based on the remaining range.

The new Citroën E-Berlingo Multispace has significantly lower running costs than an equivalent petrol or diesel powered Berlingo Multispace. The traction battery is included in the purchase price of the vehicle and offers peace-of-mind with an 8-year/60,000 mile warranty.

Available equipment includes air conditioning, parking sensors, speed limiter, tyre pressure monitoring, electronic stability control (ESC) combined with Hill-Start Assist and a 7-inch touchscreen. The E-Berlingo Multispace also features the Citroën brand's highly-regarded in-car connectivity, with Bluetooth® and Mirror Screen technology.

The new E-Berlingo Multispace will be assembled at the Vigo production site and will go 'on sale' in the UK during the third quarter of 2017.



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The cars about to be clobbered with 25 times the tax

IMMINENT changes to Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) mean consumers have just over a week to secure a deal on a new car before tax rates soar by up to 2475%.

Analysis by What Car? has shown that the cost of taxing a car purchased after 1 April 2017 could be up to 25 times more, with even some of the most environmentally friendly plug-in hybrids commanding sharp tax increases.

It's conventional hybrids such as the Lexus GS300h and RX450h that will be hit hardest, however. These

have traditionally been an attractive option for those seeking a luxury car with small-car emissions, because under the outgoing legislation, the GS300h costs owners as little as £20 to tax over three years and the RX450h £40. But under the new rules, that increases to £1,010 and £1,030 respectively.

Under the new legislation, only zero-emissions cars costing less than £40,000 will be free to tax, but buyers still have a few days to make significant savings by purchasing before the 1 April dead-

line, using the new What Car? New Car Buyer Marketplace, which lets people compare discounts from dealers in their area.

In the case of the GS300h hybrid, the near-£1000 hike in the three-year tax bill is made up of a £150 first-year rate based on its CO2 emissions, followed by two subsequent payments of the new hybrid flat rate of £130 per year, which applies to all vehicles with emissions above 0g/km CO2.

In addition, all vehicles that cost more than £40,000 are subject to a

further £310 a year charge between years two and six. As a result, three-year tax bills on the Porsche Cayenne E-Hybrid, Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV and Volvo XC90 T8 and Audi Q7 E-tron will also jump from zero to as much as £1,000.

On the up side, the Audi, Mitsubishi and Volvo remain eligible for a government grant of £2,500 thanks to their low CO2 emissions of less than 75g/km, and if buyers order before the tax hike they could save almost half as much again.

Motorists who flocked to buy one of Britain's top sellers in the first months of 2017 are also likely to have avoided a hefty tax premium and could still do so if they move quickly. Six of 2017's top 10 sellers are among the highest risers. Certain derivatives of the Vauxhall Astra, Ford Focus, Nissan Qashqai, Mercedes C-Class, Audi A3 and BMW 3-Series will command an extra tax bill of between £400 and £1,000 over three years.

What Car? editor Steve Huntingford said: "The new tax laws are designed to increase the advantage of running a zero emissions car, but they make things much more complicated and push up the price of many 'bread and butter' models. Fortunately, there are still opportunities to get a great deal.

"Buyers still have a small window to snap up a bargain before 1 April, and there are a number of grants for plug-in hybrids at their disposal. Tax aside, valuable savings can be made by using the What Car? New Car Marketplace to get the best possible price."

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Bishop Sutton	36	44
Warminster Town	35	42
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Welton Rovers	37	34
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SW Peninsula Div 1E	Pld	Pts
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Appledore	29	61
Brixham AFC	31	60
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St Martins	30	37
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Alphington	31	32
Liverton Utd	30	32
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Bovey Tracey	30	29
Tipton & Barton	27	22
Budleigh Salterton	26	19
Exwick Villa	29	18

Somerset Div 1W	Pld	Pts
Porthead Town Res	20	45
ILMINSTER TOWN	20	41
Somerton Town	20	36
Winscombe	19	36
Street Reserves	19	36
Minehead AFC	21	35
Uphill Castle	19	30
Burnham Utd	20	25
Cleeve West Town	21	23
Highbridge Town	19	21
COMBE ST NIC	20	14
Glastonbury	21	12
Congresbury	20	5

D&E Premier Div	Pld	Pts
HONITON TOWN	23	58
Newtown	23	57
Elmore	21	48
Okehampton Argyle	23	42
Heavitree Utd	20	38
SEATON TOWN	23	34
Tosham Utd	23	32
BEER ALBION	21	30
Feniton	22	30
Exmouth Amateurs	22	27
Uppottery	25	25
Clyst Valley	24	24
Newton St Cyres	25	23
Hatherleigh Town	27	19
Bow AAC	22	4

D&E Division 1	Pld	Pts
Cronies FC	17	47
Exeter University Res	17	32
Sidmouth Town Res	17	31
Lyme Regis	19	29
Exmouth Town Res	19	29
Wetheridge Reserves	14	27
COLYTON	19	26
Wellington Reserves	16	16
Alphington Reserves	18	15
Willford Rovers Res	20	14
Bickleigh	16	6

D&E Division 2	Pld	Pts
Lapford	20	51
Cullompton Rang Res	20	46
University 3rds	20	36
Chagford	20	36
Heavitree Utd Res	18	35
Dawlish Utd	21	32
AXMOUTH UTD	22	32
Woodbury	19	27
Dawlish Town	21	25
Newtown Reserves	23	23
Tipton St John	22	22
Hawthorn	19	22
Lymstone	21	19
Budleigh Salt Res	25	14

D&E Division 3	Pld	Pts
PERRY STREET	18	47
Exeter Univ 4ths	19	44
Bampton	19	39
AXMINSTER RES	19	34
HONITON TOWN RES	19	29
Newton Poppleford	19	24
Tedburn St Mary	20	23
Exmouth Amat Res	19	17
Clyst Valley Reserves	20	16
Culm Utd	20	4

D&E Division 4	Pld	Pts
Kentisbeare	21	58
Thorverton	20	51
Uplowman Athletic	23	45
Exeter Univ 5ths	23	40
OTTERY ST MARY	24	36
Sandford	31	31
Countess Wear Dyn	22	30
Priory	29	29
Uffington	22	27
Pinhoe	24	24
Morchard Bishop	23	15
St Martin's Reserves	20	12
Sampford Peverell	22	7

D&E Division 5	Pld	Pts
Royal Oak	20	58
Credition Utd Res	18	47
Whipton & Pinhoe	20	43
Winchester	20	43
MILLWEY RISE	23	34
South Zeal Utd	23	28
Starcross Generals	21	22
Feniton Reserves	21	22
North Tawton	21	21
Newton St Cyres	21	21
BEER RESERVES	20	19
Alphington 3rds	22	17
Awilscombe Utd	20	12

The local sport scene

football around the east devon and south somerset teams

Honiton settle nerves with 3-1 win

BEER CONSOLIDATE MIDTABLE POSITION • ILMINSTER WITHIN FOUR POINTS OF TOP SPOT

MACRON DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

Round-Up with Collin Goodwin
CRONIES finally have their hands on the Division One crown. The Topsham based club have had to wait several weeks to get over the finishing line but they eventually made it with a 3-0 victory at home to COLYTON and they still have three matches to play.

Mike Benyon, Liam Carey and Rian Antat were the Cronies scorers, and they now hope to add the Devon Senior Cup to their trophy cabinet and get promotion confirmed to Premier.

EXMOUTH TOWN hopes of promotion took a nosedive as they lost 1-0 at home to LYME REGIS whose Tristan Gale headed a superb late winner.

The UNIVERSITY are back up to second place after swamping WILAND ROVERS 8-0, and that was Rovers' last match this season. Ryan Sherrard and Bradley Silva bagged doubles.

WELLINGTON came from two down to draw 3-3 at ALPHINGTON with Mitch Woodgate, Tom Hawkings and Darren Mace getting their goals.

Premier leaders HONITON TOWN recovered their composure after last week's defeat with a 3-1 win at third place ELMORE.

The Eagles, who are still in the title hunt, were down 2-1 at the break, but a third goal from the Hippos sealed the points. Jack Knight, Andy Isaac and Ben Ashford were Honiton's scorers.

Rivals NEWTOWN dispensed with visiting SEATON TOWN 6-1 and they could have had a few more. Dan Gill with a hat-trick, Cory and Dale O'Donoghue and Luke Jones scored for Newtown, Seth Wakley getting the Seaton reply.

FENITON also won 6-1 at home to BOW AAC with third teamer Aaron Pearce getting a first half hat-trick. Ben Allen, John Phillips and a Dave O'Connor screamer did the rest. Paul Read was the Bow marksman.

HEAVITREE UNITED also won 3-2 at HATHERLEIGH TOWN despite giving away a two goal lead. Man of the match Sonny Devine and Jordan Harris had the first two goals for Heavitree and Matt Byrnes grabbed the winner after he had given away an own goal.

UPPOTTERY and TOPSHAM TOWN shared a 1-1 draw, Isaac Furness getting the Tops goal.

EXMOUTH AMATEURS won 1-0 against CLYST VALLEY in the other Premier match played.

LAPFORD took another step towards the Division Two title as they beat a stubborn LYMPSTONE 4-1. Dan Tucker, Mark Tucker, Harry Leach and Harry Tickner scored for Lapford.

Second place CULLOMPTON RANGERS saw off TIPTON ST JOHN 6-0 with Jamie Cottrell and Dan Horler both scoring twice. Mark Webber and Max Cooper added singles.

DAWLISH UNITED won their big derby game against DAWLISH 3-2 thanks to a late winner.

The only match played in Division Three saw PERRY STREET

almost home as champions as they won 2-1 at CLYST VALLEY, but they still need another point to be certain.

KENTISBEARE were 4-1 winners at MORCHARD BISHOP to maintain their drive for the Division Four title, although rivals THORVERTON also won 4-3 against the UNIVERSITY after being 4-0 ahead and were pleased to hang on. Uplowman are now assured of third place with the college defeat.

All the top sides in Division Five had the day off, but in Division Six leaders WINKLEIGH managed to get home 2-1 against LYME REGIS whose Kieran Daniels scored. Second place CENTRAL steamed to a 10-2 victory over SILVERTON.

The only game played in Division Seven was a 2-2 draw between SEATON TOWN and K&M POLONIA which was enough to take Seaton out of the bottom three.

Premier Division

**BEER ALBION 3
NEWTON ST CYRES 2**
BEER Albion bounced back from two successive defeats with a 3-2 win against Newton St Cyres to consolidate their midtable position in the Premier Division, writes Richard Honnor.

After last week's poor showing against Hatherleigh this was a much-improved performance from the Fishermen.

The game will long be remembered for a sensational goal from striker Chris Long.

Directly from the kick-off the ball was laid back to Long who has a fearsome shot in his armoury.

He struck the ball first time from 55 yards and, assisted by a strong following wind, the ball sailed over the stunned but blameless St Cyres goalkeeper via the underside of the bar into the net.

The goal was timed by referee Carter at 2.5 seconds and was the quickest goal ever seen at the Furzebrake and probably in the Devon and Exeter League.

Furthermore, an initial search of internet sources suggests that it might be the third-fastest goal ever recorded worldwide.

Buoyed by this amazing start, and with the visitors still in shock, the Fishermen played some great football in the first 15 minutes carving through the Saints' defence.

Luke Bartlett was a whisker away from getting something on tantalising George Harwood cross.

Then Richard Walker created an opportunity for himself only to shoot straight at the Saints keeper.

Long had a great opportunity on 10 minutes but narrowly missed the target from 12 yards after good inter-passing between Bartlett, Walker and Pedro Fontes.

But Long made up for this two minutes later when he was involved in a neat exchange of passes with the lively Bartlett who slid the ball home from close range for a 2-0 lead.

But gradually, St Cyres started to get their own game going. Despite facing a strong wind they played the ball to feet and their pace down

both flanks was stretching the Beer defence.

Winger Mustafa Rehemi often caught the eye running at the Fishermen's defence and when he was brought down – not for the first time – just outside the the penalty box, Beer keeper Mark Rooke was at full stretch to push the resulting free kick on to the upright and out for a corner.

Rooke injured his leg when falling awkwardly after catching the corner but crucially for Beer he carried on despite receiving treatment and limping for the rest of the game.

As the first half drew to a conclusion, the Fishermen knew that they would face a struggle against the wind in the second half and so it proved.

As is often the case with Beer this season they decided to defend deep, concede the midfield and rely on quick breaks.

This encouraged the visitors and they regularly peppered the Fishermen's goal.

Keeper Rooke, an inspirational figure this season, was kept busy making two great saves in the first 10 minutes but he could only watch helpless as St Cyres striker Jordan Ford reduced the arrears with an unstoppable shot from 15 yards on 56 minutes.

Crucially, however, Beer restored their two-goal cushion two minutes later with a fine piece of football.

Walker chased a long ball down the right channel, then laid wide to George Harwood whose first time cross was neatly squared to Simon Smith who rifled in left-footed from eight yards.

Back came the Saints who piled on the pressure but the Fishermen defended well with centre back Andrew Foster in commanding form.

St Cyres did score a well-deserved consolation on 87 minutes after Beer conceded an unnecessary free kick on the right.

The resulting header was partially cleared but Ford mopped up the rebound to score his second goal from 6 yards out.

Man-of-the-match was awarded by sponsors Hansfords Funeral Directors to Newton St Cyres' Mustafa Rehemi, whilst for Beer the award went to in-form defender, Andrew Foster.

Next week Beer are at home to table-toppers and local rivals Honiton Town.

This will be a tough game for the Fishermen but they will be up for the challenge after this battling performance.

Kick-off at the Furzebrake is at 3pm and the match sponsor is Annings Heating and Plumbing Engineers Ltd.

Beer Reserves also face local opposition away at Feniton Reserves in a Division Five game.

Division Eight

**BRAVEHEARTS 2
UPPOTTERY RESERVES 2**
UPPOTTERY's grip on Division Eight grew over the weekend as the Devon side drew with second place Bravehearts and kept the four point lead at the top.

The game was high tempo from start to finish, with both teams trying to gain the advantage.

Uppottery scored first when Steve Morris' excellent corner went straight in to the goal.

Bravehearts levelled on the stroke of half-time, when they headed home from a corner.

Bravehearts then took the lead in the second half with an almost identical goal, but Uppottery showed the determination that's put them on top of the division levelled the scores on 80 minutes through Gavin Richards, and that's how the score stayed until full-time, earning Uppottery the much needed point to keep their title winning hopes alive.

SOMERSET LEAGUE
Division One (West)

ILMINSTER 1 WINScombe 0
ILMINSTER moved to within four points of top spot, after winning the crucial top of the table clash against Winscombe, writes PETER HODGES.

The teams went into the fixture in second and third place respectively and it was Winscombe who started the better of the sides.

And it was against the run of play when the away side's back four failed to deal with a Chris May goal kick which led to Chris Neziyana running through to give the home side the lead at half-time.

Ilminster Town manager, Jason Manley, said: "The second half was a very tight affair until the last 20 minutes when we created some good chances.

"Joe Simmons, Brad Miles and Matty Brown all went close in the closing stages.

"Midfielder Taylor Jefferson drew large laughs from the crowd when he completely missed the ball when preparing to shoot, so it stayed one-nil. A tight game but I feel we edged it on chances."

Ilminster have now opened up a gap between themselves in second and Somerton now in third.

PERRY STREET & DISTRICT LEAGUE
Premier Division

SOUTH PETHERTON 4

MISTERTON 0
SOUTH Petherton have closed the gap with leaders Barrington thanks to a comprehensive victory over fifth placed Misterton, writes PETER HODGES.

Despite a slow start and Misterton being on top for the first 25 minutes, Pethy were able to rally and record a comfortable victory in the end.

Shane Adcock-Case grabbed the opener, after his shot was blocked on the line by a Misterton hand and he tucked way the resultant penalty, meaning South Petherton led at half-time.

The second half was a less even affair as Ashley Smith put the home side in control as he netted a 17-minute hat-trick, including a 30 yard screamer.

South Petherton boss Karl Diment praised Misterton goalkeeper Dale Wood who produced some outstanding saves to keep the scored down in the final 10 minutes.

D&E Division 6	Pld	Pts
Winkleigh	20	55
Exwick Village	21	47
Central FC	18	39
Halwill Reserves	20	33
OFFWELL RANGERS*	21	33
Hemyock	17	31
Lyme Regis Res	15	30
Elmore Reserves	17	22
Stoke Hill	18	20
Dunkeswell Rovers	21	18
Hatherleigh Reserves	19	17
Tivvy Park Rangers	19	8
Silverton	22	5

D&E Division 7	Pld	Pts
ILMINSTER RES.	17	43
Cranbrook	17	41
Wellington 3rds	19	48
Exmouth Spartans	17	31
Sidmouth Town 3rds	16	33
K&M Polonia Exeter	18	24
Ceriton Fitzpaine	17	15
SEATON TOWN RES*	14	14
Bickleigh Reserves	14	11
Woodbury Reserves	17	16
COLYTON RESERVES	15	7
HT Dons	17	3

D&E Division 8	Pld	Pts
UPPOTTERY RESERVES	20	48
AXMINSTER 3RDS*	22	44
Bravehearts	19	43
Queen's Head	22	37
Kentisbeare Reserves	20	34
Bampton Reserves	21	33
Lapford Reserves	21	31
Newton Poppy'd Res	22	26
Amory Green Rovers	21	20
Bradinch	22	15
Seven Stars Kennford*	20	12
Sandford Reserves	18	8

D&E Division 9	Pld	Pts
St Martins 3rds	18	37
Wetheridge 3rds	18	35
Chagford Reserves	18	34
MILLWEY RISE RES	17	29
East Budleigh Res	18	29
HONITON TOWN 3RDS	18	28
Tedburn St Mary Res	18	21
Amory Green Res	17	17
Central FC Reserves	18	15
Feniton 3rds	18	7

Perry St Premier Div	Pld	Pts
Barrington	15	37
Beamister	15	34
South Petherton	16	34
Shepton Beauchamp	14	29
Misterton	14	23
Winsham Utd	14	20
W & M Chinnock	14	10
Chard Utd	13	9
Netherbury	14	6
Combe Reserves*	15	3

Perry St Division 1	Pld	Pts
Pymore	13	26
Forton Rangers	13	26
Merriott Rovers	13	26
Wayton Hounds	14	26
Hawkchurch Utd	11	22
Ilminster Town Colts	14	22
Uplympe	12	14
Shepton Beauchamp Res*	15	14
Combe A*	13	7
South Petherton Res	14	12

Perry St Division 2	Pld	Pts
Chard Rangers	13	31
Halstock	13	30
Winsham Utd Res	15	28
Farway Utd	13	27
Charmouth	16	26
Dowlish & Donyatt	15	18
Thorncombe	15	14
Kingsbury Episcopi	15	12
Crewkerne Rangers	13	12
Chard Utd Reserves	14	7

Chard Utd All Stars*.....15	2
SW Women's Div 1E Pld	Pts
Forest Green Rovers.....14	40
AEK Boco.....13	30
ILMISTER TOWN.....12	20
Oldland Abbotonians.....11	19
Cheltenham CS*.....12	15
FC Chippenham.....13	14
Cheltenham Town.....14	9
Team Mendip.....13	3

tee off golf news

Seniors join up with Ladies for Cricket St Thomas Bowmaker

CRICKET ST THOMAS

with Bert Robinson
THE Senior section joined forces with the ladies section on Monday for a mixed charity Bowmaker competition.

Light rain greeted the 20 teams of three in a shotgun start, but fortunately, the weather brightened, and the golfers completed the round before the heavens opened.

A close finish in which only two points separated the first three places saw Donna Adey's team finish in top spot with a

combined score of 66 points. Just one point behind was Mairi Wandless' trio, with Christine Burrow's side coming third.

The charity event raised £170 which was divided equally between the two sections, with £85 each going to Cystic Fibrosis (Ladies Charity) and Diabetes UK (Seniors charity)

Result: 1st, Donna Adey, John Wandless & Brian Anderson, 66 points; 2nd, Mairi Wandless, Bob Barrow & Clive Fisk, 65 points; 3rd, Christine Burrows, Roger Stone & Nick Clarke, 64

points.

On Thursday, the Seniors match team travelled to Bridport with high expectations, and were met with light rain and strong winds from the east, making accuracy difficult on this seaside course.

In a tight match, with four games going to the 18th green, captain Roger Stone and partner led by example and won the first game for St Thomas team.

After a half and a loss, the match was tied at the half way stage. Then two wins followed which ensured victory for the visitors who salvaged some respect by winning the final game. The Saints thus won by 3 1/2 - 2 1/2.

Results: Roger Stone & Alan Davis won by 1 hole; Barrie Heath & Barry Singleton halved; Ron Davis & Peter Spencer-Farr lost by 2 holes; Chris Gingell & Bob Hollingsworth won by 2 & 1; Ian Griffiths & John Wandless won by 2 & 1; George Wallace & John McOmish lost by 1 hole.

Friday saw the culmination of the Winter League competition which commenced in rainy conditions.

However, the weather held enough to complete the final round. The chilly easterly breeze did not stop good scoring being returned.

Martin Leigh and Nick George took the day's honours with 44 points, but the main feature of

the day was the challenge of the two leaders who were separated by two points going into the final day.

In the event, George Wallace and Ian Griffiths conceded only one point to John Wandless and Robin Flower to take the trophy.

Result of the day: 1st, Martin Leigh & Nick George, 44 points; 2nd, John Pearce & Norman Markby, 42 points; 3rd, John Wandless & Ian Griffiths, 42 points

Final result: Winners - George Wallace & Ian Griffiths, 260 points; Runners-up: John Wandless & Robin Flower, 259 points.

AXE CLIFF with Peter Motson

ON MARCH 19th, the men's section played their Winter League round 10, format medal; this was the final round in this series.

In first place was Anthony Hellier with a net 67; in second place (on back 9 countback) was Tom Spencer with a net 68; in third place was Stuart Mackie, also with a net 68.

Stuart Mackie had the last laugh, however, as he was the worthy overall winner of this series; well done, Stuart.

There were three 2s recorded by Alan Kenworthy, Neil Jones, and Anthony Hellier.

The Ladies section did play their Winter League match last week but, the results are not available.

The result of the Senior sec-

tion's last Winter League match for this season was: 1st, Alan Morgan (15) and John Hanna (22) with 36 points; 2nd, Mick Swann (26) and Bill Polley (16) with 35 points; 3rd, Mike Jamieson (26) and Rob Grove (18) with 34 points.

There was only one 2 recorded, and that scored by John Hanna.

The overall results for the 2016/2017 Winter League Competition is as follows. The overall competition winners were: Mike Jamieson and Rob Grove - total points 206; 2nd, Mick Swann & Bill Polley - 196; 3rd, Terry Jessup & Adrian Bishop - 194.

The Seniors Fingle Glen team had home advantage and overcame the continual rain and cold wind better than the Axe Cliff visitors by utilising their club buggies.

The consequent result was a 5-1 defeat for Axe Cliff but there were some close matches which, could have gone either way.

For example Mick Tones and Mick Swann fought hard but so many of their puts lipped out (that's what they said!) and they came second.

However some honour was restored by Bob Cook and John Robinson (Robbo) who raced into a three hole lead and held on, to finally win 3 & 2 despite their opponents fight back.

Nearest the pin was won by the reliable John Hanna for Axe Cliff and Brian Ridgeway for Fingle Glen.

Axe Cliff look forward to restoring the equilibrium with the return match in October on the excellent Axe Cliff fairways and greens.

hockey

Chard A 2 Taunton Vale D 0

THE 2nd XI rounded off their league campaign with a well deserved three points against a Taunton Vale 15 player squad which bore only a passing resemblance to the team Chard beat so convincingly at Gipsy Lane in December.

This was a keenly contested fixture but one in which Chard's defensive qualities provided such excellent protection for Richard Green in goal, he was called into action on few occasions. Going forward, Chard posed a constant threat, most frequently from the right wing, where crisp passing and good movement off the ball set up numerous opportunities for crosses from and close to the back line.

Although Chard were guaranteed third spot in the division, captain James Spurdle had urged the team to finish the season with the sort of hockey that earned them that position and the players responded to this.

It was Spurdle himself who gave Chard a first half lead, running on to a long range pass into the 'D' from Harvey Denning to sweep the ball into the corner of the net.

He went close to a second goal from a similar position and there were other chances for Denning and Justin Green to extend the lead before half-time and more than one goalmouth scramble which Vale's defence somehow managed to clear.

Vale themselves had plenty of possession but Chard's midfield worked hard to harry the visitor's playmakers and deny them time and space on the ball.

A couple of penalty corners were as close as Vale came to a first half equaliser, Green saving well from the best of these.

Chard maintained their rhythm for the start of the second half, again creating chances and putting pressure on the Taunton 'D' with great approach play from the right wing.

Denning had found good crossing positions before the interval but had lacked accuracy with the final pass.

Now his input was more effective and his efforts were justly rewarded when Gary Wheaton sent in a defence splitting pass and Denning put an angled shot across the keeper into the far corner.

This second goal boosted Chard's confidence to play some even better pass and move hockey. By comparison, Vale became more frustrated and, while they still contributed to a spirited contest in midfield and defended gamely, they ran out of ideas to breach Chard's defence.

Thanks to umpires Andy Swain and Alan Cheffey.

Squad: R Green, N Liggins, A Critchley, P Pratt, S Mahoney, J Goddard, J Spurdle (capt), C Knight, M Kane, J Green, H Denning, T Goss, G Wheaton, M Lane.



■ WINTER LEAGUE WINNERS: George Wallace (left), Ian Griffiths (right) with captain Roger Stone (centre)

Trophies for top Honiton anglers

HONITON Sea Angling Club recently held its annual presentation evening at the Hare & Hounds public house to celebrate a successful year.

Pictured right are the main trophy winners, from left; James Trevett (Boat Champion), Cyril Newton who presented the awards, Colin Berry (Shore Champion) and (front) Archie Sweetland (Junior Champion).

The club has started 2017 well with membership up on previous years. The casting

teach-ins begin very soon, these are open to all to come along and improve your style and distance.

This year the club will also be pushing its kayak section, anyone

that is into kayak fishing should ring for more details as a new league will be starting soon.

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on the frontier around the local skittles leagues

COLYTON

Singles final winner: Stuart Perry (Gerrard A) 68; **Runner-Up:** Colin Coulson (Cloakham wanderers) 65 [won throw-off 6-5]; Paul Clode (Colyton Club) 65; P Bevis (Cloakham B) 64, B Hutchings (Eagle Tavern) 64, A Parsons (Kingfisher A) 64, R Drew (Rising Sun A) 63, D Park (Seaton FC B) 63, D Jones (New Inn A) 60, W Phillips (Red Lion Cavaliers) 60, A Doble (Heathfield A) 59, J Smith (Honiton WMC B) 58, J Miles (Winstons KOOTS) 57, M Orsman (Gerrard B) 57, G Parsons (Colcombe A) 53, J Hay (Kingfisher B) 48.

Div 1: Tuckers Arms B 344 (P Strawbridge 70) Lamb B 356 (A Churchill 62); Colcombe A 457 (G Millman 102) Colyton Club A 458 (A Potter 87); Axminster Con A 356 (C Sharpe 72) Red Lion Cavaliers 343 (W Phillips 67); Red Lion A 393 (Maggie Miller 76) Vine B 388 (D Pratt 71); Lamb A 314 (S Pomeroy 60) Seaton FC A 320 (M French 60); Cloakham B 383 (P Garner 75) Gerrard A 324 (M Johnson 63); Honiton Con D 410

(W Tratt 80) New Inn A 367 (N Jones 72).

Div 2: Honiton WMC A 341 (S Pye, Christine Larcombe 60) Tuckers A 312 (D Dower 60); Vine A 357 (Sheila Davenport 67) Eagle Tavern 341 (C Hutchings 64); Offwell A 388 (J Monkhouse 71) Honiton Converts 365 (S Lapping 67); Gerrard B 372 (M Orsman 66) Ship C 381 (R Gush 81); Kings Arms Beers 356 (S Summers 69) Colcombe Beerboys 331 (P White 60); Dolphin Vikings 351 (A Parkhouse 62) Wheelwright A 382 (C Hammett 80); Volunteer A 341 (M Gillard 66) Sidbury Stones 310 (J Woodfield, R Chambers 56);

Div 3: Vine Nomads 336 (D Norman 73) Colcombe B 340 (B Harris 64); Red Lion Sidbury 352 (N Barrett 63) Wilmington Harts 339 (J Woolacott 62); Village Inn A 378 (N Anthony 77) Three Tuns BTP 358 (I Wilson 69); White Hart B 311 (R Gibbons 61) Kingfisher A 355 (R Collier 70); Ship A 369 (N Widger 73) Cloakham Wanderers 363 (M Barnes 69).

Div 4: Axminster Inn A 328 (R Payne 66) Honiton WMC B 286 (G Hart 63); New Inn B 306 (A France, D Hodder 57) Rising Sun A 306 (B Venn 64); Honiton Con Artists 343 (M Parkinson 69) Kings Arms A 345 (Sheila Hiron 63); Rising Sun B 336 (M Clode, D Hall 59) Tuckers Arms C 332 (F Pearce 61); Seaton FC B 338 (C Ziemann 71) Honiton Con A 331 (T Bennet 66);

Div 5: Seaton Bowling 321 (T Hurley-Smith 58) Offwell B 303 (R Hembrow 45); Kingfisher B 298 (C Solway 61) Dolphin B 268 (Abbie Gribble, R Westlake 47); Tuckers Arms D 320 (Gem Hall 60) White Hart A 329 (B Parr 61); Colyton Club B 361 (J Richards 64) Sidmouth Arms Kings 323 (O Fuller 70); Colcombe Nomads 383 (P Easter 71) Honiton Con Raiders 347 (N Foster 63);

Division One	Pld	Pts
Axe Con A	22	29
New Inn A	22	28
Red Lion Caves	22	28
Gerrard A	22	27
Honiton Con D	22	26
Lamb B	22	24

Seaton AFC A	22	22
Vine B	22	22
Colyton club A	22	21
Tuckers Arms B	22	21
Red Lion A	22	19
Colcombe A	22	16
Lamb A	22	13
Cloakham B	22	12

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Offwell A	22	30
Volunteer A	22	29
Vine A	22	28
Sidbury SC Stones	22	26
Ship C	22	25
Gerrard B	22	22
Honiton Converts	22	22
Honiton WMC A	21	21
Dolphin Vikings	22	20
Wheelwright A*	21	19
Tuckers Arms A*	22	17
Eagle Tavern	22	16
Colcombe Beerboys	22	15
Kings Arms Beers	22	14

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Vine Nomads	22	23
Sidbury Village Inn	19	23
Wilmington Harts	19	22
Cloakham Wanderers*	19	20
Kingfisher A	19	20
Volunteer B	19	20
White Hart B	19	18
Red Lion Sidbury	18	17
Mountbatten Whites	18	16
Colcombe B	19	16
Three Tuns BTP	18	14
Ship A	17	12

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Rising Sun A	18	31
Axe Inn A*	19	25
Kings Arms A	18	24
Heathfield A	18	22
Seaton AFC B	18	18
Honiton Con A	18	17
Honiton WMC B	19	16
New Inn B	19	16
Rising Sun B	20	16
Honiton Con Artists	18	14
Winstons A	19	14
Tuckers Arms C	20	11

Division Five	Pld	Pts
Colcombe Nomads	19	34
Colyton Club B	18	32
Seaton Bowling	19	26
Offwell Rejects	20	26
Sidmouth Arms Kings	18	20
Winstons Koots	19	18
Dolphin B	18	16
White Hart A	18	16
Kingfisher B	18	14
Heathfield B	18	10
Honiton Con Raiders	19	6
Tuckers Arms D	18	4

*points deducted

CREWKERNE & DISTRICT

Divisional Cups SF (March 31st)

Division One: Lost Boys v Super Sexy Six (Royal Oak, Crewk), Royal Oak Drimpton v Coachmen (GRC Wall).

Division Two: Fryers v Muppets (Royal Oak Drimpton), Rugrats v Ugly Ducklings (White hart, Crewk).

Division Three: Admiral 6 v Royal Chokers (GRC window), Willy Low Flyers v Kings Men (Merriott Social).

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Division One	Pld	Pts
Cricketers	14	92
Rockey's Rollers	13	92
Crown Crusaders	13	86
Flying Turkeys A'Stars	12	83
Flying Turkeys	12	78
Wyndham Warriors	14	76
Ashill Inn	13	74
Nomads	12	61
Hatch Beagles	13	54

Division Two

Bell Broadway	.....13	1
Bell A	.....13	
Royal Oak Faces	.....13	
Kings Head	.....13	
Floaters	.....13	
Iton Choppers	.....12	
Ashill Boys	.....11	
Wyndham Clangers	.....12	
Hatch Eggs	.....14	

EAST DEVON HUNT

Division One	Pld	Pts
Culm Vale	21	30
Marvels	22	30
Honiton Clyst	22	26
Ur Arns	22	24
Blacksmiths	21	24

Talaton	21	22
Foxenhole	23	22
Night Owls	22	21
Stags	21	20
Sutton Wanderers	21	20
Marsh Green	22	20
Auctioneers	22	17
Sidford	19	10
Uptottery	21	10

Division Two

Latecomers	.21	30
Keepers	.20	28
Jack's Lads	.19	26
A Team	.21	24
Perkins Village	.19	23
Cocks & Hens	.20	22
Zulu Warriors	.19	21
Top Cats	.20	19
Breakaways	.20	17
Awilcombe Shoot	.18	15
Tuckers Arms	.18	15
Brooksiders	.20	12
Bakers 8	.21	4

Division Three

New Inn	19	26
Bashers	15	25
Yetties	17	24
Broadclyst	18	24
Guys & Gals	21	22
Goldtops	20	21
Here for the Beer	20	20
Axe Valley	20	19
Maynards	16	16
Yoyo's	19	14
Alley Cats	20	12
Cee Dee's	20	12
Earth Stoppers	17	7

Top Scores: Malcolm Coombes (Culm Vale) 81, Kevin Phillips (Bashers) & Richard Hoole (Talaton) both 80.

darts chard & district

Premier Division Pld	Pts	Pig Jockeys	.....	12	104
High 4 & a Half	.....11	Cult of Personality	.....12	100	
Rejects Return	.....11	Pirates	.....13	96	
BDBs	.....10	Nice Ricks	.....12	83	
Wanderers	.....10	Most 180s: A.Sharp 3,			
Crusaders	.....10	S.Castle & M.Ballance both			
Hobnobs	.....12	2, 14 players x1.			
Happy Sharks	.....10				
Hopefuls	.....10				
Most 180s: P.Lawrence 9,					
L.Cox 8, G.Hill 5, S. Main-					
waring 4, S.Rutter 3, six					
players 2, 13 players 1.					
Division One	Pld	Pts	Division Two	Pld	Pts
Okey Doaks	.....13	162	HRT	.....12	154
Pop Darts	.....13	148	Happy Days	.....12	125
Random Tossers	.....12	139	Madhouse Crew	.....11	123
Down's	.....13	130	Dizzy Tarts	.....11	111
PAs	.....12	115	Stumpy's Gang	.....10	100
			The Haymaker	.....11	81
			No skill, just lucky	.....9	67
			Two minute crew	.....11	67
			Most 180s: A.Pidgeon,		
			A.Mather, B.Allen, R.Davies		
			A.Sprake & K.Tovey all x1.		

darts colyton & district

THIS Thursday (March 30th) we have the Brutton Cup (team sizes) qualifying matches as follows:

@ The Vault - R1: Halesy's Bar B v Vault A, Vault B v Royal Clarence A; QF: Halesy's Bar B/Vault A v New Inn, Kings Arms v Vault B/Royal Clarence A; SF: winners of the above
@ The Dolphin - R1: Dolphin B v Halesy's Bar A, Golden Hind v Dolphin A; QF: Dolphin B/Halesy's Bar A v Kingfisher B, Golden Hind/Dolphin A v Kingfisher A; SF: winners of the above

Play to a winner at each venue, best of five legs of 1001, straight start. Round 1 teams, be ready for a prompt start at 8.30pm, as it can take a while.

LEAGUE RESULTS

(1001/Pairs first)
Week 23: Vault B 4 (5) New Inn 1 (4); Dolphin B 2 (2) Dolphin 3 (4); Halesy's Bar B 5 (4) Royal Clarence A 0 (2); Kings Arms 4 (1) Vault A 1 (5); Golden Hind 2 (3) Kingfisher

snooker seaton & district

Maximum point win for leaders

RUNAWAY leaders Honiton Wonderers continue to open the gap at the top of both the League and the Bruce Miller Cup after winning all six frames against Colyton ExCons.

Meanwhile, Sidmouth Cons continue to improve, winning two frames and registering four bonus points in the match against Colyton Feds.

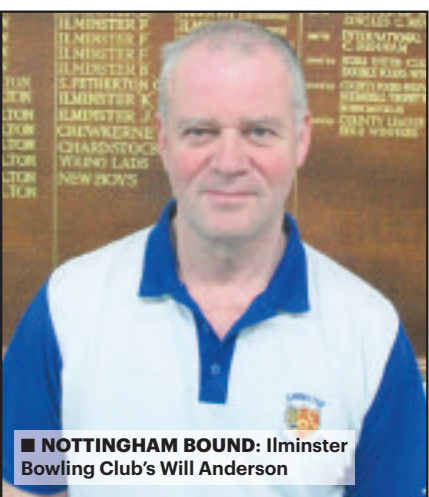
League table	Pld	Pts
Wonderers	.....16	88
Colyton TC	.....15	47
Chard Casuals	.....15	40
Colyton ExCons	.....16	38
Colyton Feds	.....15	38
Sidmouth Cons	.....16	33
Honiton WMC	.....15	29

In the third match Honiton WMC picked up six bonus points in their draw with Colyton TC.

RESULTS (March 14th): Colyton Feds 4+Sidmouth Cons 2+4, Honiton Wonderers 6+0 Colyton ExCons 0+0, Colyton TC 3+0 Honiton WMC 3+6

Top breaks: Ben Pike 37, Steve Canni-ford 40.

Bruce Miller Cup Pld	Pts
Wonderers .....16	88
Sidmouth Cons .....16	75
Chard Casuals .....15	72
Honiton WMC .....15	57
Colyton TC .....15	53
Colyton Feds .....15	50
Colyton ExCons ....16	46



■ NOTTINGHAM BOUND: Ilminster Bowling Club's Will Anderson

National call-up for Chard's Emil

HOLYROOD Sixth Form BTEC Sport student Emil Szydetko, *pictured below*, was recently selected to represent the Poland U20 National Rugby team.

Szydetko, who recently joined Chard RFC, attended open trials in Exeter and after impressing the selectors was chosen to attend a training camp in Poland where the squad trained four times a day for a week, culminating in a 22-10 victory in an international match against Lithuania.

Szydetko, who played 40 minutes in the match said: "I have gained so much experience and can't wait for the next game. I live by the motto: The only pain in Rugby is regret; take all the chances you get!"

Emile has lived in Chard for more than six years and has played regularly for the junior sides at the Chard RFC.

A club spokesman said: "He is an outstanding member of the colts team and has also played a number of games for the 2nd and 3rd XV although he has yet to play for the 1st XV. This surely can not be far off!"

A touring side from Poland played at Exeter last year and as a result decided to see what Polish talent there was in this part of the world to enhance their squads.

As a result Emile was one of approximately 20 players who attended at the Sandy Park complex and some time later got the message that he had been selected.

Emile played for the national side on March 11th against Lithuania with the game being played in Gdansk and had to pay his own expenses.

He played 66 minutes before being subbed off and, although he did not score, played well.

The next game will not be until the early part of next season and Emile hopes he will be part of the squad.



jack high bowls news and round-up

HONITON with Julie Grant

HONITON club finals saw some close matches and some not so close. Two of the closest were the men's singles in which Malcolm Seaborne won by one shot over Trevor Pipe.

Malcolm was also involved in the men's very close game with the ladies in the Captains Cup.

He and Ken Clarke and Richard Bland just won against June Lee, Yvonne Williams and Yvonne Rayner.

Shirley Hiscocks won the ladies' singles and then partnered her opponent Janice Sharman to also win the pairs against Joan Mackintosh and Gail Hawke.

Gail unfortunately also lost the mixed pairs with Terry House to Ian and Ruby Veitch.

Ian had already won the men's pairs with John Mabbott against Brian Braund and Michael Dart.

The open singles saw Trevor Pipe gain revenge over Malcolm Seaborne and in the ladies' Harris trophy Marian Vessey recorded a win over Janice Barrett.

The open two wood singles was another close game in which Yvonne Williams beat Sharon Kenny.

The Chris Binmore memorial trophy went to Scott Eveleigh as he defeated Hannah Morfe.

In the Nex competition for men, yet another one shot victory this time for Gerry Stafrace over Kevin Vernon.

Kevin also lost the two wood pairs with Leigh Batten to Fred Dart and Trevor Pipe. Presentation evening is Easter Saturday at 6pm.

Honiton men scored six points against Mid Devon in their final ICL game and have gained promotion to Division One next season.

They won 86 shots to 84 with the best rink winning away, Ian MacKenzie, Denis Hillyear, Steve Coles and Ian Veitch 28-13.

Honiton ladies lost their challenge match with ISCA as they were defeated at home 3 rinks to 1. The winning rink were June Lee, Marian Vessey, Berry Maynard and Rita Barwick 16-15.

In the friendly against Feniton Honiton won 85 shots to 56, top rink Yvonne Williams, Di Hawkins and Gail Hawke 23-14.

ILMINSTER with Des Maull

ILMINSTER were recently beaten 37-31 by hosts Bridgwater in the Somerset & Devon Mixed League. Details: Sarah Lightfoot, Hilary Leamon, Dave Pugh & Dave Crouch 19-14; Steve Peasland, Norma Pugh,

John Mitchell & Maureen Mitchell 12-23.

On Sunday Ilminster were away to Bridgwater in the Somerset and Devon Mixed League, the result was a win for Bridgwater by six shots (31 to 37).

Details: Sarah Lightfoot, Hilary Leamon, Dave Pugh and Dave Crouch 19, G Lewis 14; Steve Peasland, Norma Pugh, John Mitchell and Maureen Mitchell 12, A Briffett 23.

Meanwhile, congratulations and best wishes go to **Will Anderson** who has qualified for the over 60s singles at the National finals at Nottingham after his 21-12 win against John Freeman from Clarrie Dunbar. His first match is at 1.30pm on Friday, April 14th.

CHARD with Paul Avery

CHARD recently won a friendly at neighbours AXMINSTER 72-53.

Details: Jenny Cornelius, Peter Avery, Stan Fowler & Colin Littlechild 39-6; Barbara Ball, Kay Avery, Phil Stringer & David Lawrence 20-20; Ena Stringer, Roy Vaux, Teresa Pinder & Barry Pinder

13-27.

The Milford & Dormor sponsored MIXED TRIPLES SHORT MAT LEAGUE concludes this month and it is still uncertain which team will win. The Harlequins from Chard have won the competition for the last four years and lead the way again this time but they are being strongly challenged by the team from Trull and by a second Chard team, the Hurricanes.

Latest results: Canaries 8 Trull 12, Hurricanes 19 Greyhounds 7, Musbury 11 Trull 15, Harlequins 8 Robins 11.

EAST DEVON SHORT MAT TABLES

Evening Div 1	P	W	D	L	SDPts
Beer	.....10	5	4	1	151 14
Sidbury Whites	.....11	6	2	3	69 14
Sidbury	.....10	6	1	3	210 13
Musbury	.....11	4	2	5	-95 10
Uptonery	.....11	3	2	6	-113 8
Seaton	.....10	4	0	6	-159 8
Colyton	.....11	3	1	7	-63 7

Evening Div 2	P	W	D	L	SDPts
West Hill	.....10	6	3	1	144 15
Uffculme	.....10	6	2	2	27 14

Quartet pass test

FOUR Shotokan karate students, under the instruction of Sensei Jim Harvey at Seaton Martial Arts Centre, attended a grading session at the Karate Academy in Newton Abbot last weekend.

All were successful, and were awarded a higher kyu grading with a certificate and new belt. Pictured below (from left): Paul Thompson; brown belt, 3rd kyu, Elliot Speer; red belt, 8th kyu, Sensei Jim Harvey (3rd Dan), Charlotte Leslie; red belt, 8th kyu, Daisy Graysmark; brown belt, 3rd kyu For more information contact Jim Harvey on 07867 818667.



Awliscombe	.....10	6	0	4	82 12
Sidbury Reds	.....10	4	1	5	-78 9
Ottery St Mary	.....10	3	1	6	67 7
Colyton 'B'	.....10	1	1	8	-242 3

Afternoon Div 1	P	W	D	L	SDPts
Colyton	.....10	6	2	2	138 14
Awliscombe	.....10	6	2	2	90 14
Beer	.....10	4	2	4	52 10
Uptonery	.....10	4	2	4	-53 10
Ottery St Mary	.....10	3	1	6	-21 7
Seaton Yellow	.....10	1	3	6	-206 5

Afternoon Div 2	P	W	D	L	SDPts
St Teresa's	.....10	6	1	3	197 13
Sidford Blue	.....10	5	2	3	37 12
Chard	.....10	5	0	5	13 10
Seaton Blue	.....10	4	1	5	-35 9
Combe St N 'B'	.....10	4	1	5	-98 9
Lyne Regis	.....10	3	1	6	-114 7

Afternoon Div 3	P	W	D	L	SDPts
Hemyock B	.....10	6	0	4	196 12
Musbury	.....10	6	0	4	23 12
Seaton Green	.....10	5	2	3	-158 12
Colyton B	.....10	5	0	5	126 10
Combe St Nic'A'	.....10	4	2	4	23 10
Sidford White	.....10	1	1	7	-210 3

■ IN THE final of the county Top Club, Honiton ladies retained their title and kept the Lace-makers trophy by winning all five events against Plymouth. Pictured (from left to right): Shirley Hiscocks, Ann Hillyear, Julie Grant, Di Hawkins, Heather Chambers, Yvonne Williams, Ann Brown, Rosemary Hiron, Berry Maynard, Judith Broom, Yvonne Rayner, Joan Heard



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Yeovil ship late goals to throw away two points

SKYBET LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Exeter City 3 Yeovil Town 3
Attendance: 5,492

YEOVIL Town's frailty in the final minutes came back to haunt them once again at St James' Park on Saturday.

Having stung the Grecians with a three goal salvo in 16 minutes just after the hour, the Glovers appeared to be coasting to a stunning win and three valuable points in their fight against relegation.

However, just as Exeter fans were starting to stream out of the ground resigned to dropping out the play-off places with a heavy defeat against their local rivals, Yeovil capitulated in a fashion often seen at Huish Park in recent seasons; conceding three goals in five minutes, two in added time.

Whilst it may be unlikely that the Glovers will be relegated – both Newport County and Leyton Orient could mathematically overtake them – to let two valuable points slip when so close to victory is sheer stupidity, but given Yeovil's propensity to ship late goals it is not uncommon.

After a fairly even first half the nearest to a goal came just before the break when Francois Zoko flicked on Matt Dolan's free kick into the path of Shaylon Harrison, but keeper Christy Pym brilliantly clawed the Tottenham Hotspur loanee's dinked effort away for a corner.

The second half began with Artur Krysiak saving Bevis Mugabi's embarrassment when the young Ugandan miscued his clear-

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ance forcing the Polish keeper into an acrobatic save to prevent an own goal. He then produced another outstanding save to deny Ollie Watkins from the angle of the penalty box.

Then, on 62 minutes, Yeovil broke the deadlock when Dolan collected the ball in midfield and skilfully fed Zoko.

The Ivorian, timing his run to perfection, finished with aplomb, slipping the ball across Pym and inside the far post.

Krysiak almost scored an unlikely second soon after, but Pym just managed to scramble back

and push his long kick away from danger after it bounced over him.

Eight minutes later it was two when Pym could only parry Whitfield's spiteful 25-yarder and Harrison following up, headed home for his first goal for the Glovers.

Alex Lacey appeared to have made the game safe on 78 minutes when he glided in to head home Dolan's free kick, and soon after Jean-Louis Akpa-Akpro might have had a fourth from close range.

In the box seat, it looked all over, and even when David Wheeler volleyed home off the post two minutes from time, it only appeared a consolation, but a minute into the seven added by referee

Darren Drysdale, Troy Brown rose highest to head home from a corner despite Liam Shephard's best efforts on the line.

The momentum was now with the Grecians and two minutes later with Yeovil's defence all over the place following a raid down the right, Reuben Reid found himself alone at the far post to smash the ball home from close range for the equaliser.

So once again Yeovil dropped valuable points in the final minutes.

On Saturday, they host eighth placed Carlisle United (3pm ko) – let's hope manager Darren Way has mended the problems by then.



■ DARREN Way overseeing a training session last Thursday
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Glovers
 by numbers

Sky Bet League Div Two (46)	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Doncaster Rovers	.39	23	9	7	75	45	30	78
Plymouth Argyle	.39	23	6	10	59	40	19	75
Portsmouth	.39	20	8	11	61	35	26	68
Stevenage	.39	19	5	15	64	52	12	62
Blackpool	.39	15	15	9	61	40	21	60
Luton Town	.39	15	15	9	56	37	19	60
Exeter City	.39	17	8	14	63	47	16	59
Carlisle United	.39	15	14	10	56	58	-2	59
Mansfield Town	.39	15	13	11	48	43	5	58
Colchester United	.39	16	9	14	55	51	4	57
Wycombe Wanderers	.39	15	10	14	47	47	0	55
Cambridge United	.38	15	9	14	48	42	6	54
Grimsby Town	.39	14	10	15	46	48	-2	52
Barnet	.39	12	15	12	50	53	-3	51
Accrington Stanley	.38	12	13	13	48	49	-1	49
Crewe Alexandra	.39	12	12	15	45	54	-9	48
Crawley Town	.39	13	9	17	47	60	-13	48
YEOVIL TOWN	.39	10	16	13	42	51	-9	46
Morecambe	.39	13	7	19	46	61	-15	46
Notts County	.39	13	7	19	43	65	-22	46
Hartlepool United	.39	10	11	18	49	65	-16	41
Cheltenham Town	.39	9	12	18	39	55	-16	39
Newport County	.39	7	12	20	43	64	-21	33
Leyton Orient	.39	9	5	25	41	70	-29	32

Top scorers (all comps)

1. Francis Zoko	.12
2= Tom Eaves	.7
2= Otis Khan	.7

Shots

1. Tom Eaves	.31
2. F.Zoko	.22
3. Otis Khan	.21
4. M.Dolan	.14

Assists

1. Matt Dolan	.7
2. Ben Whitfield	.6
3= Otis Khan	.4
3= Kevin Dawson	.4

Appearances

1. Tom Eaves	.45
2= Kevin Dawson	.43
2= Artur Krysiak	.43
4. Matt Dolan	.41

Upcoming Fixtures

Saturday, April 1st - H v CARLISLE UTD (3pm)	Sky Bet D2
Saturday, April 8th - A v Portsmouth (3pm)	Sky Bet D2
Friday, April 14th - A v Newport County (3pm)	Sky Bet D2
Monday, April 17th H v CREWE ALEXANDRA (3pm)	Sky Bet D2
Saturday, April 22nd - A v Grimsby (3pm)	Sky Bet D2
Saturday, April 29th - A v Stevenage (3pm)	Sky Bet D2

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